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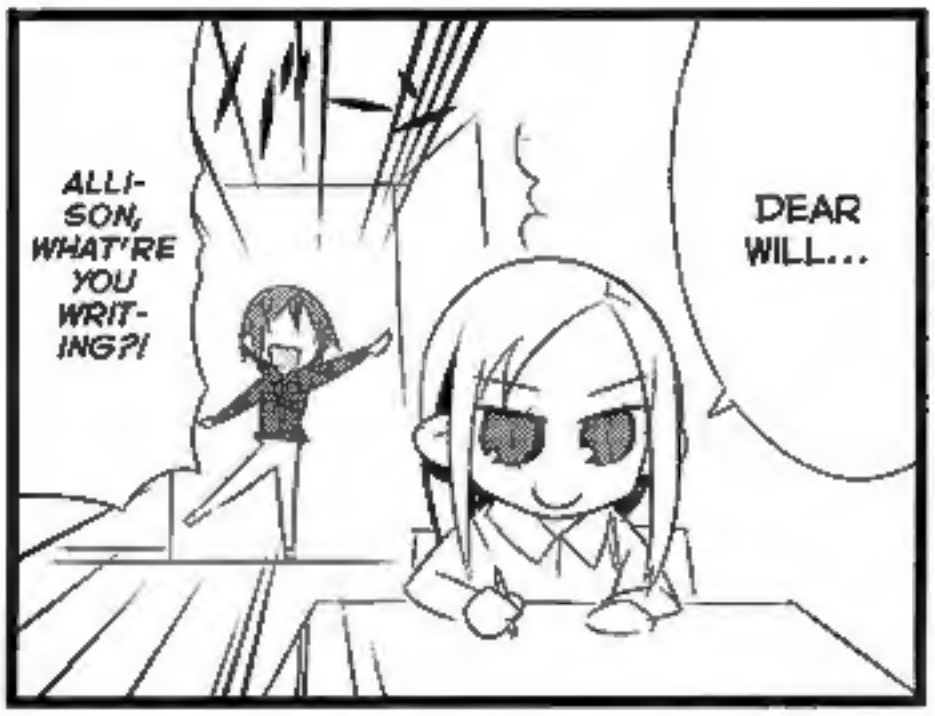

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THIS UNI-FORM...

FITS PER-FECTLY!

COME TO THINK OF IT, WE'VE DONE PLENTY OF RECKLESS THINGS IN THE PAST.

REALLY?

FITS ALLISON -> FEMALE UNIFORM?

WHEN WE WERE TOLD NOT TO CLIMB, WE WOULD CLIMB THE TREES WE WERE TOLD NOT TO...

WHEN WE WERE TOLD NOT TO GO OUTSIDE, WE WOULD GO OUT AND END UP BURIED IN THE SNOW...

BUT TRAVAS-SAN'S CHILDREN WERE BOTH SONS...

FIVE HOURS LATER

AT THAT MOMENT, ALLISON SAID...

?

I APPRECI-ATE IT.

AS EX-PECTED OF HIM, HE RE-MEM-BERED IT!

"IF YOU REIMBURSE MY POTATO THEN I'LL FORGIVE YOU!"...

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YEAR 3256 OF THE WORLD CALENDAR　　A CERTAIN PLACE　　MIDDAY

FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE KILLING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE,

IN INCONCEIVABLY BRUTAL WAYS.

WHY....

DESPITE THAT...

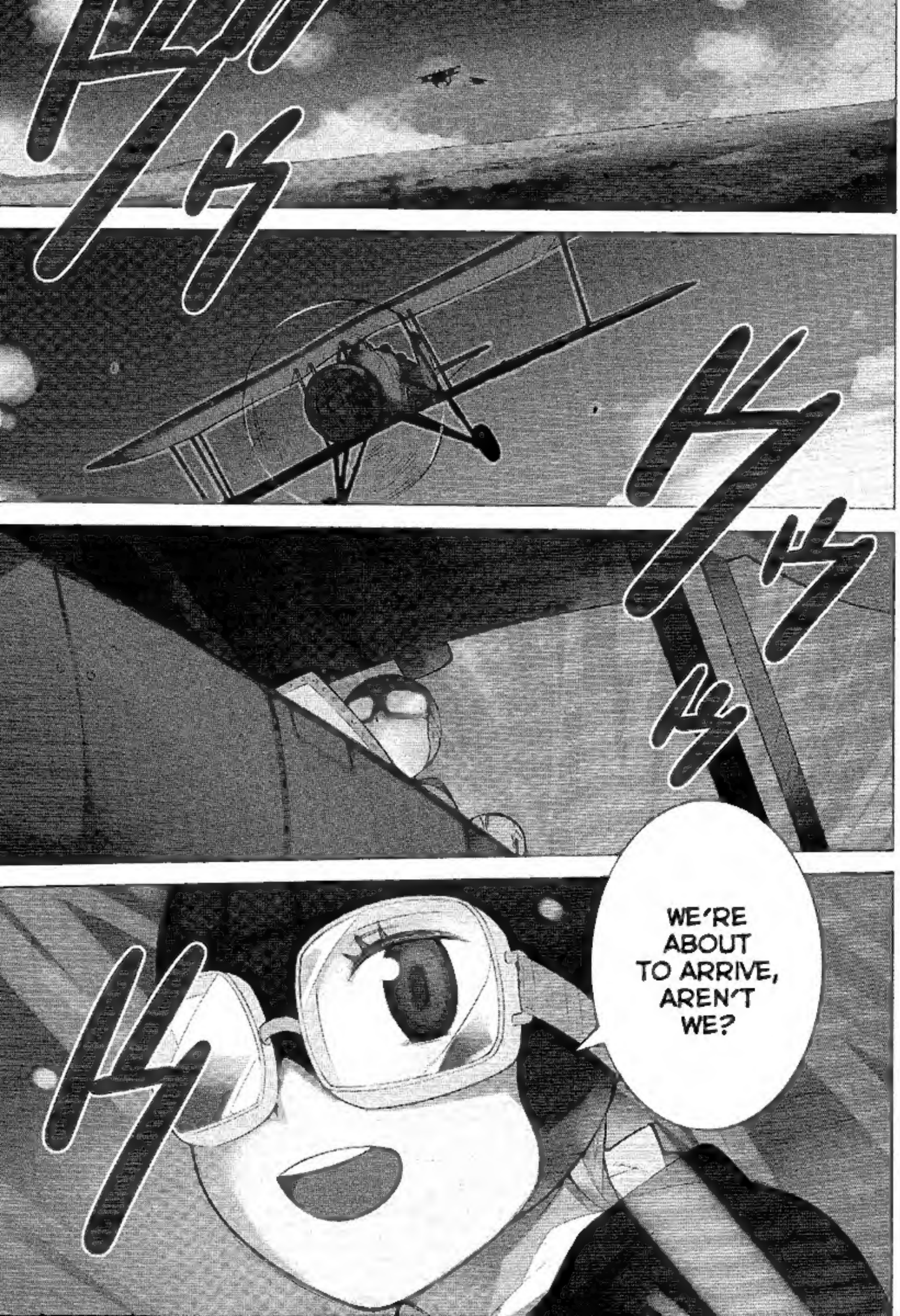
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

THERE'S BOUND TO BE A DAY WHEN I'LL UNDER-STAND, RIGHT?

WHY DID I HAVE TO BE SHOWN SOMETHING SO BEAUTIFUL?

WHY NOW?
WHY ME?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.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WE'RE ABOUT TO ARRIVE, AREN'T WE?

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Chapter 1 Kidnapping, Gunshots, and Theft

THIS IS THE CONTINENT WE LIVE ON. THE LUTONI RIVER AND THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS DIVIDE IT RIGHT DOWN THE CENTER.

WELL THEN, BEFORE WE BEGIN THE LESSON LET'S REVIEW A LITTLE FIRST, SHALL WE?

NOW THEN, WHAT IS THE WESTERN SIDE?

COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "ROXCHE".

ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE CONTINENTS IS OUR COUNTRY, THE "ROXCHEANUK CONFEDERATION".

SO WHAT IS ITS REAL NAME AND ABBREVIATION?

DOES ANYONE KNOW?

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CALL IT AS SUCH.

Yessir

THE "EVIL EMPIRE"!

ROWE SNEUM MEMORIAL UPPER SCHOOL.

ROXCHEANUK CONFEDERATION - RAPUTOA REPUBLIC.

YEAR 3287 OF THE WORLD CALENDAR.

YESSIR.

BY THE WAY, IF YOU PUT DOWN 'EVIL SOMETHING OR ANOTHER' IN YOUR ANSWERS, I'LL MARK IT WRONG.

SOU BEIL

ROXCHE

CORRECT!

"ALLIED KINGDOMS OF BEZEL-LA TOA".

AND UM... I THINK IT'S "SOU BEIL".

WHAT IS IT?

THERE ARE NO OTHER OFFICIAL NAMES, BUT EVERYONE NORMALLY CALLS IT SOMETHING ELSE.

RIGHT, IT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LJTONI RIVER. HENCE OPPO-SITE THE RIVER.

THEN,

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE PEOPLE OPPO-SITE THE RIVER NORMALLY CALL US ROXCHIANS?

"OPPOSITE THE RIVER!"

.....

WILL!

"OPPOSITE THE RIVER"

WATCHA DOIN' IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

DON'T YOU HAVE SUPPLE-MENTARY CLASSES?

AS IF I'M THE TYPE TO GO TO THEM.

RIGHT

WATCHA READIN'? WHAT'S THIS WRIT-TEN IN? BEZE-LESE?

"THE COM-PLETE WORKS OF FAIRY-TALES"

FAIRY TALES FROM THE WEST WE HAVE MORE OR LESS THE SAME ONES OVER HERE BUT I FIND IT INTERESTING HOW THE ENDINGS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

THE GREATEST OF THOSE HAPPENED 35 YEARS AGO.

THE "GREAT BATTLE" THAT BROKE OUT IN YEAR 3252 OF THE WORLD CALENDAR.

THE HISTORY BETWEEN ROXCHE AND SOU BEIL IS ONE OF WAR.

THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN IN COUNTLESS CONFLICTS SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME.

THE WAR BETWEEN ROXCHE AND SOU BEIL IS NOT OVER.

HOWEVER, AN ARMISTICE DOES NOT MEAN THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

AFTER THE GREAT BATTLE, AN ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED.

BUT ROXCHE AND OPPOSITE THE RIVER DEFINITELY CANNOT GET ALONG.

GOOD QUESTION, THAT REQUIRES EVERYONE TO DO THE SAME.

IT'D BE NICE IF THEY GOT ALONG LIKE CLASSMATES.

WHY DO THEY NOT LIKE EACH OTHER?

HM?

WHICH DO YOU THINK, SIR?

WHICH SIDE DO YOU THINK IS THE 'PARENT'?

AS FOR WHY, THEY BOTH THINK THAT THEY WERE THE ANCESTORS OF MANKIND.

OF COURSE, IT'S ROXCHE.

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BOTH SIDES THINK "IT'S US".

WHICH SIDE IS THE 'PARENT'?

WHICH SIDE HAS THE LONGEST HISTORY?

ON WHOSE LAND WAS MAN FIRST BORN?

AERO-PLANES!

SIR! LOOK!

IT'S LAND-ING!

LET'S GO HAVE A LOOK.

THAT'S THE ROXCHE AIR-FORCE!

"SERON'S SPEAR" IS DRAWN ON THE SIDE OF THE BODY.

TAKE A LOOK!

SHE CAN'T BE SOMEONE FROM OPPOSITE THE RIVER, RIGHT?

HEY, HEY, IS THIS FOR REAL?

BLONDE HAIR?

ALLISON ...

IS IT YOU?

...

OF COUR-SE.

JUST WHO ELSE DO YOU THINK WOULD IT BE, WILL?

HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, WILL.

RIGHT, RIGHT, HERE!

IT'S SUPER PRETTY WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT FROM ABOVE.

OF COURSE NOT

SO-SO ...I GUESS.

NORMALLY I'D BE GOING TO SCHOOL, BUT BECAUSE TODAY'S A HOLIDAY, I'M JUST CHILLING AT THE LIBRARY READING BOOKS.

AND YOU, ALLISON?

I'M SO-SO TOO. — MORE LIKE A LITTLE DEPRESSED, ACTUALLY.

I'M REALLY HAPPY BEING ABLE TO FLY EVERY DAY, BUT NO MATTER HOW LONG I WAIT, I'LL NEVER BE ALLOWED TO PILOT A FIGHTER CRAFT.

YUP, IN AUTUMN OF LAST YEAR. IT WAS THE SECOND LETTER OF THE ELEVENTH MONTH, LINE 24.

I'VE WRITTEN IN MY LETTERS THAT I'D JOINED THE DIVISION THAT TRANSPORTS AEROPLANES, DIDN'T I?

IT JUST SO HAPPENED I WAS PASSING THROUGH NEITO WHILE ON MY MISSION TO TRANSPORT THIS NEW PRACTICE PLANE.

I SEE — AND SO YOU HAD SOMEONE GIVE YOU A RIDE?

I DID A BEAUTIFUL JOB OF CLEARING THE TOP OF YOUR SCHOOL JUST NOW, DIDN'T I?

TO BE PRECISE, IT'S JUST ME PILOTING THE PLANE.

HOW'VE YOU BEEN, WILL?

.....

OH YEAH!

I'VE GOT AN INTERESTING STORY TO TELL.

.....

.....

.....

HMM... IS THAT SO.

EARLIER,

I RECEIVED A LOVE LETTER!

HMMM.

...

OPPO-SITE THE RIVER?!

...WHY?

SOMEHOW, THE WRITER TURNED OUT TO BE A PERSON FROM OPPO-SITE THE RIVER.

THIS IS AN INTER-ESTING STORY, SO I'LL JUST CONTINUE.

"HMMM" ...IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?

WELL, NO...

WHEN I ARRIVED, A YOUNG OFFICER FROM THE SOU BEIL AIR FORCE INVITED ME TO TEA IN BROKEN ROXCHEAM.

I WAS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE TOO, SO I WENT ALONG —

IT WAS INTERESTING, SO I AGREED. WE THEN HAD QUITE A LIVELY DISCUSSION IN THE OPPOSITE'S PAVILION, AND I EVEN DREW AN OUTRAGEOUS AMOUNT OF ATTENTION FROM THE OPPOSITE'S TROOPS.

WELL, THE TRUTH IS THAT THEY'RE SIMPLY TESTING EACH OTHER'S STRENGTH.

HALF A MONTH AGO, THERE WAS A JOINT RESCUE EXERCISE BY THE ROXCHE AND SOU BEIL AIRFORCES, WASN'T THERE?

YEAH, I HEARD IT ON THE RADIO AND READ IT IN THE PAPERS TOO.

SUR-PRISING YOU?

SUR-PRIS-ING.

WANT IT?

— SURREN-DER?

HE WANTED TO PASS ON A LETTER ASKING ME TO GO OUT WITH HIM OFFICIALLY

THE LETTER FROM THE DRAGON AND THE SU AFTER

I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD WORK OUT IN THE END SO I WROTE A REPLY TURNING HIM DOWN.

THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM THE TWO ARMIES COULD MINGLE WITH EACH OTHER SO LIGHT-HEARTEDLY...!!

I HAD NO CLUE...

HUH?

OW!

ALLI-SON,

IN ANY CASE, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A LETTER, YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD HIM TO CONTINUE THE EXCHANGE...

JUST THE FACT THAT THERE ARE MILITARY EXCHANGES IS SURPRISING ENOUGH, BUT... TO THINK PEOPLE SEND LETTERS!

YOU DID?! WHY?!

I...DIDN'T GO THERE TO HAVE FUN. I HAD TO PARTICIPATE IN A MARKSMANSHIP COMPETITION.

LAST MONTH... WHICH MEANS THE ANNUAL 'FESTIVAL'? THAT'S KINDA NICE, ISN'T IT.

SPEAKING OF WHICH...

I WENT TO KAASHI LAST MONTH.

I WAS INVITED BY A FRIEND, SO I WENT TO TAKE CLASSES IN PISTOL SHOOTING.

THEN THEY PRAISED ME, SAYING 'YOU HAVE TALENT'

AND FORCED ME TO JOIN THE SHOOTING CLUB.

THEY TOLD ME THAT —

WITH A LITTLE TRAINING, I COULD BECOME THE SCHOOL REP-RESENTATIVE AT THE KAASHI FESTIVAL.

HUH

SO, THEN WHAT HAP-PENED?

YOU GOT SOME KIND OF PRIZE FOR PAR-TICIPATING?

WHAT WAS THAT?! 6TH?!

IT'S DANGEROUS TO STAND, YOU KNOW.

.....

I CAME IN 6TH.

EVEN SO, I'M SURPRISED.

WHY DIDN'T YOU MENTION THIS EARLIER?

BUT I WAS QUITE HAPPY WHEN EVERYONE PRAISED ME.

I WAS QUITE NERVOUS SO EVERYTHING WAS A BIT OF A BLUR FOR ME.

MAYBE IT WAS LUCK, OR THAT I HAPPENED TO BE IN GOOD FORM —

GET THIS, 'KAY? FROM NOW ON I'M GOING TO PRAISE MY NEIGHBOUR, WILL, IN PLACE OF YOU!

YOU KNOW, WILL, YOU SHOULD GIVE YOURSELF A LITTLE MORE CREDIT!

WELL... I THOUGHT IT MIGHT SEEM KIND OF BOASTFUL.

AHAHA... THANKS.

AH.

IT'S THAT GRAND-PA.

NAH.

I JUST REMEMBERED, THAT'S ALL.

YOU COUNTED?

ALLISON, YOU'RE THE 87TH PERSON TO SAY THAT

LIKE THOSE LAIDBACK COWBOYS WHO'RE A REALLY GOOD SHOT.

MAYBE YOU'RE JUST SUITED FOR GUNS.

OH.

ON TOP OF THAT, HE'S NOTORIOUS FOR CAPTURING STUDENTS AND RANTING ABOUT HIS WEIRD PAST.

HE LIVES ALONE AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN, LOAFING AROUND EVERY DAY.

YOU KNOW HIM?

IT HAPPENED A WHILE AGO.

I THINK HE PROBABLY WANTS TO HITCH A RIDE HOME.

LIKE BEING THE EX-BUTLER OF A ROYAL FAMILY, OWNING A DIAMOND MINE — EVERYONE CALLS HIM 'LYING GRAMPS'.

WEIRD IN WHAT WAY?

AND-

A RATHER BEAUTIFUL, BLONDE YOUNG LADY.

THE EXCELLENT UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT WHO'S ALWAYS WORKING HARD AT HIS STUDIES!

YO!

WE'LL BE THERE IN A JIFFY.

IT WON'T GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR DATE.

SORRY, BUT DO YOU MIND GIVING ME A RIDE BACK HOME?

OOH, SORRY 'BOUT THIS.

PLEASE.

AND,

SINCE WILL WON'T REFUSE ANYWAY.

IS IT ALL RIGHT WITH YOU?

WILL!

HE PRAISED YOU,

AHH, YOU SAVED ME BACK THERE.

THANKS A LOT.

I'M IM-PRESSED!

SUCH CON-SCIENTIOUS DRIVING.

"NOISY" IS A BIT MUCH!

SINCE I'VE PRE-PARED THE TEA.

I'M GOING TO GO SHOP-PING NOW,

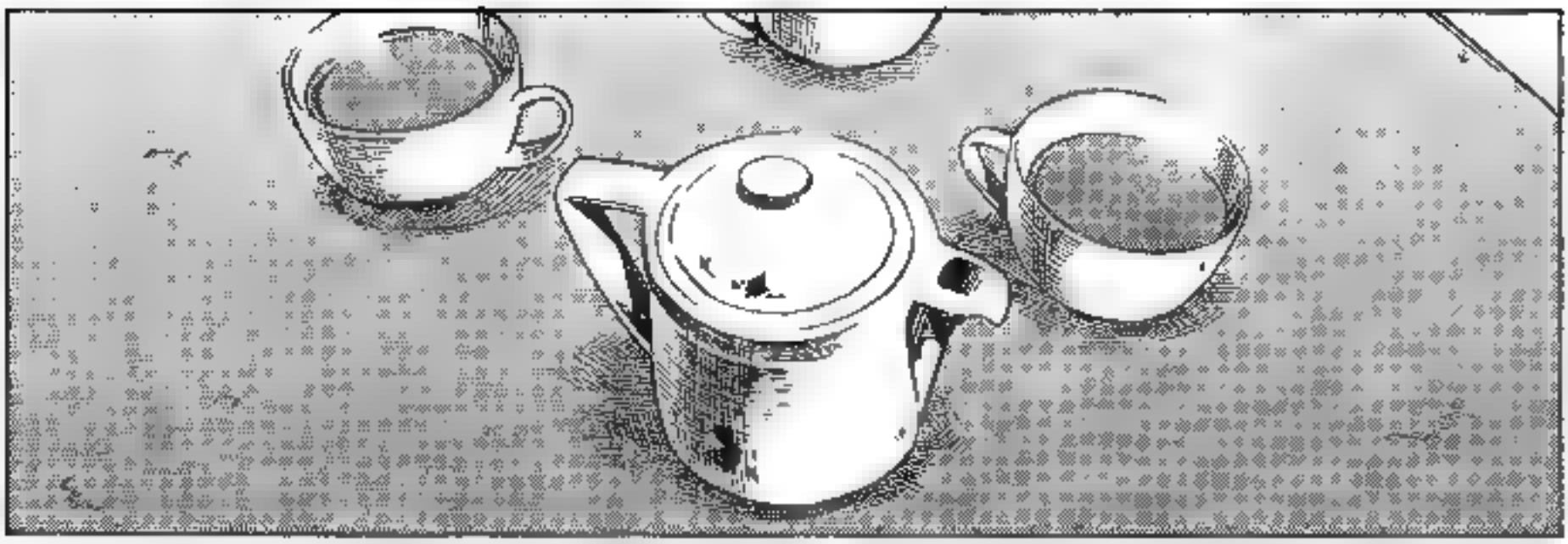
AH YES, THIS IS THE CARING STU-DENT WHO CARTED ME BACK AND HIS FAIR-HAIRED ACQUAIN-TANCE.

YOU TWO, THIS IS THE NOISY COOK OF THE HOUSE.

AAH, SORRY, SORRY.

GRANDPA, JUST WHERE DID YOU RUN OFF TO?

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT BACK THEN PLEASE DON'T WANDER SO FAR AWAY IN THE FIRST PLACE!



IT IS DELI-CIOUS.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER DRANK SOME-THING SO DELI-CIOUS!
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YUMMY!

WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I WAS GIVEN A SHARE WHILE I WORKED AS THE GARDENER IN THE SUMMER PALACE.
ANYHOW, THIS IS A PRODUCT MADE BY THE PURVEYOR TO THE STATTS ROYAL FAMILY.
THAT'S GREAT.

AHAHA-HAHAHA-HAHA!
PU-HOO
SO-
IS THAT STORY A LIE?
OOH? THAT'S WONDER-FUL, ISN'T IT?

AS I THOU-GHT.

.....

SORRY, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THAT'S NOT TRUE.

IT'S GOT NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THE ROYAL FAMILY.

WHILE WE'RE AT IT, I WAS NO GAR-DENER EITHER.

EXCEPT BACK IN THE DAY, I WOULD'VE BEEN MORE THAN A MATCH FOR HIM,

BE-CAUSE I WON THE CHAMPI-ONSHIP 4 TIMES, SECOND PLACE 3 TIMES.

THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING TOO, ISN'T IT? — IT'S A L E, BUT YOU'VE LOST TO HIM, WILL.

HAHA-HA...

WILL'S A STUDENT, OF COURSE. HE'S GOT GOOD GRADES, AND HE WON 6TH PLACE IN THE MARKSMANSHIP CONTEST AT THE KAASHI FESTIVAL!

THOSE ARE SOME MIGHTY ACHIEVE-MENTS!

OOH!

IS THE YOUNG LADY ALSO A STUDENT AT THE UPPER SCHOOL?

NOO-OPE.

I JUST CAME BY TO VISIT DURING MY HOLI-DAY.

THOUGH IT'S NOT SOMETHING I'VE TOLD VERY MANY PEOPLE ABOUT...

WELL THEN, TO STAVE OFF THE BOREDOM, LET ME TELL YOU ONE MORE INTER-ESTING STORY.

YOUNG LADY, YOU'RE QUITE A FUN PERSON TO HAVE AROUND, AREN'T YOU.

I KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF AN AMAZING TREASURE.

ACTUALLY...

YOU SEE...

...ARE YOU TELLING THE TRUTH?

TREASURE?

ONE THAT YOU SIMPLY CANNOT BUY WITH MONEY... IT'S ABSOLUTELY PRICELESS.

AN AMAZ-ING TREA-SURE.

WHAT KIND OF TREA-SURE?

IT'S JUST, SEE-

IT'S JUST .

AYE.

I'VE SPUN PLENTY A PRETTY YARN, BUT THE TRUTH IS, ONLY THIS ONE HASN'T BEEN A LIE.

I'D RATHER DIE THAN TO LIE ABOUT THIS.

THIS TREASURE CAN END THE WAR BETWEEN ROXCHE AND SOU BEIL.

THAT IS THE ONLY VALUE THIS TREASURE POSSESSES.

WELL?

AMAZING, DON'T YOU THINK?

I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT FROM PAPA LONG AGO.

IT'S THE STORY ABOUT LIEUTENANT COLONEL WALTER MACMILLAN AND THE SPECIAL FORCES, ISN'T IT?

IF IT'S TRUE, THEN THAT'S AMAZ-ING.

BUT HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT IT?

I FOUND IT PURELY BY COIN-CIDENCE.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE POISON GAS OPERATION THAT ROXCHE CARRIED OUT NEARBY DURING THE GREAT WAR?

IN THE YEAR 5556 OF THE WORLD CALENDAR, WHEN THE SOVIET ARMY LAUNCHED A SURPRISE ATTACK AND INVADED

A LIEUTENANT COLONEL CALLED MACMILLAN TOOK TO THE ENEMY'S THE MIDDLE OF THE

AFTER THAT, THE INHUMAN USE OF

MOST OF HIS MEN ARMY TO RETREAT.

...IF THAT WERE TRUE,

THEN WHAT I'M LEARNING FROM MY TEACHERS IS NOTHING MORE THAN SOME HALF-BAKED STORIES?

MORE-OVER, THE PERSON CALLED LIEUTENANT COLONEL MACMILLAN DOESN'T ACTUALLY EXIST.

HE'S A FICTIONAL CHARACTER CREATED TO DIVERT THE CRITICISMS TOWARDS THE USE OF POISON GAS.

THE TRUTH IS THAT ALL OF THE MEMBERS ARE JUST FINE, BUT THE ARMY LIED FOR FEAR OF REVENGE BY SPIES.

BUT ALL OF THE MEMBERS, EXCEPT LIEUTENANT COLONEL MACMILLAN, DIED IN BATTLE ACCORDING TO THE HIS-TORY WE'VE LEARNED..

BUT RATHER, "PROPAGATING WHATEVER BEST SUITS OUR NEEDS", SEE?

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS NOT "CONVEYING THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH"

HISTORY IS OFTEN MADE UP OF PARTIAL-STORIES.

WHY HAVEN'T YOU SAID ANY-THING ABOUT THE TREASURE?

THEN,

I BELIEVE YOUR STORY, SO TELL US THE LOCATION OF THE TREASURE!

I'LL TAKE YOU ALONG WITH ME!

IN THAT CASE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.

B...BUT WE CAN'T GO IN A SIDECAR...

LOOK AT THIS.

IF I HAVE A FLYING MISSION NEARBY, BUT THEN I CAN SNEAK YOU AND WILL ON BOARD AND GIVE YOU A RIDE TO WHERE THE TREASURE IS!

I'M IN THE MILI-TARY.

"NOPE", YOU SAY...

ALLISON ...IS SOME-THING LIKE THAT OKAY?

NOPE.

MAY I HAVE A LOOK AT THAT?

THIS IS SURPRISING ...TIMES SURE HAVE CHANGED.

?

HM?

WELL? ARE YOU COMING?

"OOH, LITTLE ORPHANED BIRDS WILL FLY ANY-WHERE",

HUH?

...HM?

IT MIGHT BE INTEREST-ING TO TELL IT TO YOU—

YES.

YOU TWO ARE PLENTY OF FUN, AREN'T YOU?

I AM A TAX OFFICIAL FROM THE DISTRICT TOWN HALL.

GOOD DAY. PARDON MY INTRUSION.

I HAVE COME TO DISCUSS TAXMATTERS REGARDING THIS PIECEOF LAND WITH THE MASTER OF THIS HOUSE.

THEY'RE GUESTS.

UM. WOULD YOU BE HIS RELATIVES?

I SEE OH MY, I HAD HEARD THAT YOU WOULD BE ALONE.

GOD

MANY APOLOGIES ABOUT THE INCONVENIENCE HOWEVER SINCE IT'S A LITTLE TRICKY CONDUCTING A TECHNICAL DISCUSS SION HERE COULD I ASK YOU TO ACCOMPANY ME TO THE TOWN HALL?

IF I REFUSE?

MUST IT BE TODAY-NOW?

AH..

BUT, YOU SEE..

WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CONVER-SATION HERE, YOU KNOW?

WAIT JUST A MINUTE!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOCK UP AFTER YOUR-SELVES.

STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.

EH? W-WAIT...

AAH, ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO.

SORRY, YOU TWO, BUT THE CONVER-SATION'LL HAVE TO WAIT TILL LATER.

I RE-CEIVED ORDERS THAT STATE THAT I MUST TAKE YOU ALONG BY THE END OF TODAY.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE OFFI-CIAL DOCU-MENTS?

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WHAT'S WITH THAT PERSON?

I DON'T CARE IF HE'S FROM THE TOWN HALL, ISN'T THAT WAY TOO RUDE?

WHAT IS?

THAT PERSON.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IT'S WEIRD.

THAT PERSON CLAIMS HE'S FROM THE TOWN HALL, SO WHY ASK IF WE'RE RELATIVES?

!

ANY NEITO PERSON WORTH HIS SALT KNOWS JUST FROM SEEING THE SCHOOL-OWNED SIDECARS THAT WE'RE EITHER STUDENTS OR TEACHING STAFF.

?

ALLISON?

WILL!

KEYS!!

AND THEN?

I'M GOING TO QUESTION HIM!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO ONCE WE'VE CAUGHT UP?

SORRY

FOUND THEM!

WE WE'RE GOING TOO FAST!

AND THEN

ANYWAY, I'M QUES-TIONING HIM! THAT 'MR. OFFICIAL'!

I'M GOING TO MAKE HIM SHOW HIS PROOF OF HIS IDENTITY!

IN THAT DIRECTION... WE'VE GOT NOTHING BUT FARMLAND.

NOT TOWARDS TOWN — IT'S THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

I WONDER WHERE THEY ARE GOING...

DOESN'T THAT MAKE IT ALL THE MORE SUSPICIOUS?!

?!

ALLISON! IT'S A GUN!!

WHA...

SKID

SKID

SKID

ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU HURT?

I MADE IT SOME-HOW... AND YOU?

I'M FINE, THANKS.

WILL!

I'M OVER HERE...

THIS WAY...

THE DIREC-TION THAT CAR WAS HEADED...

BAST AAAA RD!!

THEIR DESTINA-TION IS...

PRIVATE PROPERTY?

THE TREASURE STORY MUST BE TRUE, IF EVEN A MYSTERIOUS, ARMED ORGANISATION IS INVOLVED.

YOU BELIEVE IT...?

BUT...

BEING ABLE TO RECONCILE ROXCHE AND SOU BEIL WITH IT... ALLISON, DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

THE TREASURE GRANDPA TALKED ABOUT IS TOO AMAZING.

SO AT THE VERY LEAST HE'S BEING PURSUED BY THAT FAKE OFFICIAL.

BUT GRANDPA WAS KIDNAPPED.

'COURSE NOT.

FROM THIS POINT ONWARDS IS THE PROPERTY OF MR. TEROL. NO TRESPASSING!

MR. TEROL?

PROBABLY THAT MR. TEROL.

THE WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS THE STEEL COMPANY.

SHH.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

?

NO... YOU'RE WRONG.

THIS SOUND. A CAR?

HE SAID TO HAVE CASHED IN HEAPS FROM THE WAR.

AAH, THAT GREEDY MULTI-MILLION-AIRE.

THEN ACCORDING TO YOU, ALLISON, ALL RICH PEOPLE ARE GREEDY...

WE CAN'T GO TOO WRONG AS-SUMING THAT GRANDPA'S ABOARD THAT...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

...IN ANY CASE, LET'S CHECK OUT THE AIR-FIE..D.

BUT IT'S PRIVATE PROP-ERTY.

BUT IT'S AN EMER-GENCY!

THE SKY! IT'S AN AERO-PLANE!

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THIS DOESN'T ADD UP!
THIS DOESN'T ADD UP!
THIS DOESN'T ADD UP!

ALLISON!

THIS IS RECK-LESS!

I'D BE HAPPY IF YOU TAGGED

ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT!

GOT IT, WILL? SOMEONE'S BEEN AB-DUCTED.

IS IT NOT THE DUTY OF A GOOD ROXCHE CITIZEN TO FIND OUT THE ABDUCTORS' DESTINATION AND THEN CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES?

SEE?

WELL THEN, WE'RE TAKING OFF!

...AROUND THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

14TH LINE OF THE SECOND LETTER.

AND WILL, DIDN'T YOU WRITE IT IN YOUR LETTERS AT SOME TIME OR OTHER?

THAT YOU WANTED TO TRY RIDING IN AN AERO-PLANE ONCE.

WILL,

WELCOME TO THE SKY!

NOW,

LET'S CHASE AFTER THAT FLYING BOAT!

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Sure ...

But ... how?

How you say?

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GLARE

Apply! We need Japanese Translators! Editors! Quality Checkers! And all sorts of people to help us out!

FOUND YOU!

YEAH, I SEE IT.

I'M GOING TO TAILGATE BEHIND HIM.

CAN YOU SEE? IN FRONT.

WHERE?

THIS IS HIS BLIND SPOT, HE WON'T SEE US.

IT'LL BE ALRIGHT

WILL WE BE FOUND OUT?

THIS SHOULD BE GOOD.

Chapter 2 The Price of Pursuing

NEVERTHE-
LESS, I'VE
NEVER SEEN
THAT AIRCRAFT
MODEL...

EH?

A—

AAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAAAAA
HHHHH
HHH!!!!

...

BUT
YOU
WROTE
TO ME
BEFORE
THAT,

YOU
KNOW
ALMOST
ALL THE
AIRCRAFT
MODELS—...

ALLISON!

YES?

BELOW!

LOOK
BELOW
US!

THERE'S A THIRTY KILO-METER BUFFER ZONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE RIVER.

WE WERE THIS PASS ING

IT'S A HUGE ONE!

– IT'S LUTION RIVER!

WE'RE CROSSING THE BORDER!

...

TECHNI-CALLY IT'S AN "AIRSPACE INCURSION".

OH WELL.

IF WE ANNOUNCE TO THE PUBLIC THAT "SOU BEIL HAS KIDNAPPED A ROXCHE EL-DERLY MAN!!" IT'S BIG NEWS, RIGHT?

WE'RE JUST GOING TO GO AFTER HIM TO GET A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF HIS DESTINA-TION.

IT'S OKAY.

...I SHOULD HAVE RE-ALIZED IT EARLIER ...

WILL, YOU'RE SMART.

ALL RIGHT, WE'LL HEAD BACK ONCE WE CONFIRM WHERE HE LANDS.

THAT'S YOUR ORIGINAL INTENT, HUH...

...IN THAT CASE, STEAL-ING BOTH A PLANE AND TRESPASSING WILL BECOME HAZY—

THERE'S NO CITY BELOW US...

IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE WE'D SHOOT TO LAND EITHER...

HE'S GETTING AWAY!

...

...
NO...

NOT YET...

IT'S GOING TO BE ROUGH FOR A BIT...

WILL, CHECK YOUR SEAT BELT,

WHY?

NOW!!

WAA
-AH?!!

...I WONDER HOW...

THEY FOUND US...? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?!

FIGHTER CRAFT FROM THE WEST SIDE! THEY'VE FOUND US!

WHAT? WHAT IS GOING ON?!

THIS IS JUST A PRACTICE AIRCRAFT.

UNFOR-TUNATELY, IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE TO RUN AWAY FOR NOW.

HOLD ON TIGHT, WILL!

UWAAAH!

WILL, DO SOME-THING FOR ME!

WH-WHAT CAN I DO?

THERE'S A BAG OF FLARE ON THE SIDE OF THE PASSENGER SEAT! HANG IT TO THE SIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT AND PULL THE STRING! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST SOMEHOW!!

WE / ARE \ FA AA AA AA LL II II II ING \ !!

I'M DOING THIS ON PURPOSE!

NOW WE JUST HAVE TO GLIDE VERY CLOSE TO THE GROUND...

THEY'LL THINK WE CRASHED.

DID WE TRICK THEM?

DROP THE BAG!!

FEIGNING DEATH!

WHAT ARE YOU PLAN-NING?

GOT-GOT IT...!

WHA— ELECTRIC CABLES ...?!

...DAMMIT!!

UGH ..

AUG-GGHHH-HHHHHH-HHH...

STAND UP!

AND RUN!!!

I'M- I'M FINE. WHAT ABOUT ALLISON?

...WILL, YOU LOOK OKAY.

ME TOO. BUT THE PLANE'S...

ALSO —

WHO THE HECK SET UP CABLE LINES IN SUCH A RURAL AREA?!

WE ALMOST DID IT TOO!!

"SIGH"

GET YOUR ASS DOWN HERE!

YOU! DAMMIT —

THIS IS KARASU AMIKU DO YOU COPY?

THIS IS AMIKU.

FIGHTER CRAFT FROM THE EAST IN PURSUIT HAS BEEN SHOT DOWN — OVER.

AFFIRMATIVE COVER OUR MAIN CRAFT UNTIL YOU REACH BASE —

OVER

JUST FOLLOW WHAT YOU ARE TOLD TO DO.

THERE WILL BE NO NEED OF THAT.

HOWEVER —

SHOULDN'T WE CONTACT HEADQUATERS TO REQUEST AN INVESTIGATION SQUAD? — OVER.

THAT ROUGE FIGHTER CRAFT HAS TRESPASSED THE BORDER CONSIDERABLY FAR.

FAINT

DON'T GET CHEEKY LIEUTENANT.

LET'S WALK TO THE NEAREST TOWN AND TALK OUR WAY OUT.

WHO KNOWS... I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY MAPS REGARDING AREAS "BEYOND THE RIVER."

I WONDER IF THERE'S EVEN A TOWN ANYWHERE NEAR US?

UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S THE ONLY OPTION...

IS THAT BAD?

YOU'RE STILL GOING TO "GO MY WAY"...

ARE YOU SERIOUS ...

...

RIGHT?

IF WE BORROW IT WE CAN GO HOME,

HUH? WHY?

DO YOU THINK THERE'LL BE AN AIRFIELD AND AIRCRAFTS IF WE FIND A TOWN?

HEY WILL,

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE TREA-SURE IS?

DID YOU KNOW THERE WAS A RUMOR THAT A KING FROM SOME-WHERE WAS HIDING IN THIS PLACE?

MAYBE IT'S GOLD?

WELL...

APART FROM THAT, I'M WORRY-ING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE.

WHAT?

THE TREASURE THAT GRANDPA WAS TALKING ABOUT.

DID YOU FORGET ?

HUH? WHAT?

O-OH ...I FORGOT.

MY HEAD WASN'T IN THAT MIND-SET.

NOW THEN, AT WHAT POINT IN TIME SHOULD ALLISON HAVE LISTENED TO ME SHOUTING AND STOPPED THIS NONSENSE?

WHEN WE WERE PURSUING BY THE SIDECAR?

WHEN WE WERE BORROW-ING THE AIR-CRAFT?

OR WHEN WE WERE CLEARLY TRESPASS-ING...?

THAT'S A TOUGH QUESTION ...BUT,

THERE'S NO POINT IN ANSWERING NOW.

GOOD GRIEF ...

I DEFINITELY HAVE TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN...

YUP.

NOT "YUP," ALLISON ...

YOU'RE PLANNING TO DO SOME-THING ELSE AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?

YUP.

...

IT'S GOOD TO BE PERSISTENT, WILL.

HERE.

YOUR SHARE.

YOU'LL KNOW WHEN YOU EAT IT.

IT'S NOT SPICY.

HM? WHAT'S THIS?

I'M OPENING THIS EMERGENCY PACKAGE.

I'VE HEARD OF IT BUT...

IT'S SWEET, AND IT'S STICKY AFTER IT'S IN YOUR MOUTH...

CHOCO-LATE IN SOLID FORM,

FIRST TIME?

UGH...

WHAT.. IS THIS? IT'S SWEET.

SEEMS LIKE WE HAVEN'T BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE WE WERE PICNICKING AS KIDS.

WE'RE STILL BEING CALLED KIDS NOW, BUT THAT WAS WHEN WE WERE TEN YEARS OLD.

WHEN WE WERE KIDS, HUH...

THAT REMINDS ME, YOU WERE STILL A WILD CHILD WHEN WE HAD A "HOME" ...

WAIT?

DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T REMEMBER.

YOU CLIMBED A TREE JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE TOLD NOT TO CLIMB THE TREE.

WENT OUT DURING HEAVY SNOWFALL JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE TOLD NOT TO GO OUTSIDE AND GOT YOURSELF BURIED DEEP INSIDE THE SNOW.

YOU ALSO GOT STUCK UNDER THE BED FOR "EXTERMINATING RATS"..

YOU GOT SUSPENDED UPSIDE DOWN IN THE AIR WHILE TRYING TO GET DOWN THE ROPE FROM THE ROOF. YOU DISAPPEARED AND THE ENTIRE VILLAGE SEARCHED FOR YOU JUST TO FIND YOU SLEEPING IN THE SHEEPFOLD. YOU WANTED TO MAKE A LAKE SO YOU STOPPED THE FLOW OF THE IRRIGATION DITCH AND ENDED UP FLOODING PLANTING FIELDS AND ROADS. YOU CHALLENGED THE OLDER KIDS WHO WERE BULLYING THE YOUNGER KIDS TO A DUEL. YOU WANTED TO CONQUER THE CLIFFS ALONG THE RIVER BANKS BUT YOU COULDN'T GET OFF. YOU TRAVELED FOUR NEIGHBORING TOWNS JUST BY BYCICLE. YOU ALSO GOT BURIED WHILE TRYING TO DIG AN UNDERGOUND SECRET BASE...

OH YEAH, THERE WAS THAT.

YOU KNOW,

TOTTERING AND FOLLOWING BEHIND ALLISON MAKES ME KIND OF NOSTALGIC.

DID THAT HAPPEN?

BUT WILL WAS ALWAYS WITH ME, I REALLY APPRECIATED THAT.

YEAH, I REMEMBER THAT WELL.

...

REALLY?

THEY WERE ALL ALLISON'S SUGGESTIONS.

I ALWAYS TRIED TO STOP YOU, BUT I ENDED UP FOLLOWING YOU.

IN THE END, WE WERE MADE TO CLEAN ALL THE WINDOWS AT HOME AS AN PUNISHMENT...

...

YOU HELPED CLEANED WINDOWS AND CUT THE TIME NEEDED IN HALF.

YEAH.

BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NOT GOING TO HAPPEN ...

I WISH WE COULD JUST TAKE THE PUNISHMENT TO CLEAN WINDOWS...

...WE'RE SLEEPING OUTDOORS.

I GUESS ...

I'VE HAD TRAINING BIVOUACKING* IN THE SNOW SO WE'LL GET THROUGH SOMEHOW.

I'D RATHER NOT IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO.

THANK GOODNESS IT'S SUMMER

I'VE HAD THAT RESOLUTION FOR A LONG TIME NOW.

*TL MILITARY ENCAMPMENT WITH TENTS OR IMPROVISED SHELTERS

THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A VILLAGE NEARBY BEFORE THE GREAT WAR.

IT SEEMS LIKE THIS WAS AN AREA FOR THE ROYALS' AND ARISTOCRATS' EXTRAVAGANT VILLAS.

THE FOREST IS NEATLY ALIGNED. I WONDER IF THIS WAS AN AGRICULTURAL LAND...

...BUT THERE ARE ANIMALS,

LOOK!

WERE FORCED TO RELOCATE. THERE ISN'T ANYONE AROUND...

BUT THERE CAME THE BUFFER ZONE AFTER, SO THEY PROBABLY —

IT'S OKAY, WE WON'T EAT YOU.

IT'S A DEER.

IT DOESN'T LOOK ANY DIFFERENT THAN THE ONES FROM RAPUTOA REPUBLIC.

ALLISON!

WATCH OUT!

ARE YOU ALONE?

DON'T BE AFRAID.

IT LOOKS LIKE A YOUNG ONE.

IT'S THE MOTHER DEER—

WILL!

YOU!

...

WILL, CAN YOU HEAR ME?!

WILL!

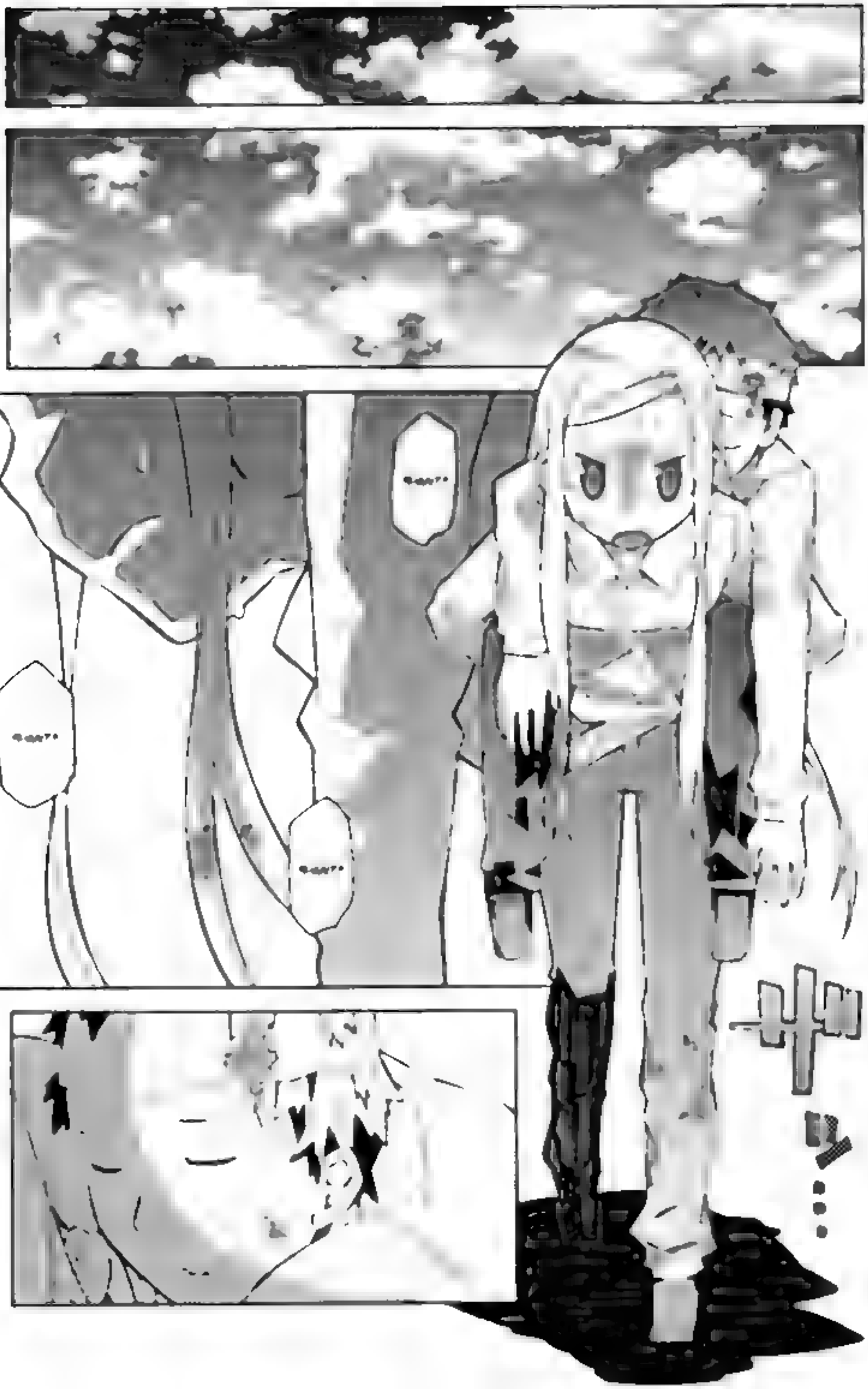
YEAH... I FEEL KIND OF DIZZY...

OHH HEY ALLI-SON... YOU OKAY?

WILL!!

...

I'M FINE! THANK YOU, WILL, BUT YOUR HEAD IS BLEEDING...



DAMMIT

PANT

GOTTA KEEP GOING.

THIS.

PANT

...

WILL, WHICH WAY...?

IT'S THE SAME ANYWAYS.

OH WELL...

...

MAYBE IT WASN'T....

...THE SAME?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KAERF

Happy Birthday, Bamabear! Go eat some wild meat while listening to nightmare BD!
-Pikapu

Can't say I know you well enough, to say something good (Thanks for being a lazy bear??) But nevertheless, Happy Birthday!
-Tyresonance

Yo you messed up Bear! Happy Birthday, now cook yourself a feast! then burn the weight tomorrow I'll get Mai to chase you with a whip while you run ;) Dank Seed is a b*****c I hate it, But I translate it for you, so yeah, Be happy! -Reyi

May you find your collection with ease
Pyros!

Happy Birthday May Puppies smother you in your sleep -Binturong

Party hard! May the kaer Be with you! -Tsurto

Happy Birthday you have a great Birthday that thing is a living it Te and <3 -Mai

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But ... how?

How you say?

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ANY-BODY HOME?

ARE YOU AL-RIGHT, WILL?

MM...

UGHH ...

WILL?

THIS IS A SUR-PRISINGLY WELL-MAINTAINED HOUSE FOR BEING IN SUCH A PLACE...

THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME ANTISEP-TIC HERE ...

TIMS!

LEWIN!!

...!

WHO ...ARE YOU?

Chapter 3 The Last Ones Standing

WHO ARE YOU?

I WILL ASK AGAIN.

...WAIT, ARE YOU...

DO YOU NOT UNDER-STAND ME?

...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY HOUSE?

YOU ARE, AREN'T YOU?

ARE YOU "THE ONES FROM ACROSS THE RIVER"?

YOU'RE ROX-CHIAN.

!

DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

THIS IS MY HOME,

THAT'S CORRECT, I APOLOGIZE FOR YOUR INCONVE-NIENCE.

YOU CAN SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF SOU BEIL?

BEZE-LESE...

WILL!

DROP YOUR WEAPON ....

WE'RE THE ONES THAT EN-TERED...

AND THIS IS...YOUR HOME.

WE WERE HIT IN THE AIR AND WALKED HERE.

WE...

WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ENTER... PLEASE, LET US APOLO-GIZE...

YES.

THAT IS WHY WE ARE LOOKING FOR MEDI-CINE, FOOD, AND A PLACE TO REST.

THAT BOY... IS HE HURT?

ALONG WITH FOOD AND A BED.

I HAVE MEDI-CINE.

SO YOU CAN SPEAK BEZELESE TOO, HUH.

...

NO.

...BUT RIGHT NOW, I'VE NO—

COME ALONG.

I'LL LET YOU USE THE BED.

...WHAT IF I REFUSE?

BUT THIS IS MY HOUSE

I'LL SHOOT.

ARE ALL THE PEOPLE FROM "BEYOND THE RIVER" SO UNCIV-ILIZED?

SHEESH

HE WILL BE FINE.

IT WASN'T A DEEP CUT, THERE'S NO NEED FOR STITCHES.

DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE A FEVER EITHER.

THANK —

WHAT HAP-PENED?

OH ....

UM...

I SEE ...

SO HIS WOUND WAS YOUR FAULT.

A DEER KICKED HIM.

WE FOUND A FAWN AND I WAS CARE-LESS.

WILL PRO-TECTED ME AND ...

YES.

DID YOU SHOOT?

AFTER WILL WAS INJURED, I RAISED MY GUN TOWARDS THE MOTHER DEER.

AND THEN?

...I SEE.

THAT WAS SMART OF YOU.

NO.

IF I KILLED IT, THE FAWN WOULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED.

WE LEFT AFTER.

YES.

ARE YOU... A SOLDIER?

UM...

WILL IS JUST A CIVILIAN.

I AM A CORPORAL OF THE ROXCHIAN AIR FORCE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

PLEASE STOP.

I DESPISE SALUTA-TIONS.

WHETHER IT'S FROM A SOLDIER, OR AN OF-FICER.

I WOULD NOT HAVE SAVED YOU.

...IF I HAD KNOWN YOU WERE A SOLDER, AND IF YOU WERE THE ONE THAT WAS INJURED INSTEAD ...

I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR SAVING WILL.

I SEE.

EVEN SO, I THANK YOU.

WE NEED TO TALK.

SO IT'S WILL AND ALLISON.

MY NAME IS ALLISON WHITTING-TON.

YOUR NAMES SOUND MORE LIKE THAT OF SOU BEIL.

THAT BOY'S NAME IS WILL, YOU SAID?

YES.

WILHELM SCHULTZ.

...IS THAT SO.

I WILL REMEM-BER IT,

TRAVAS-SAN.

MY NAME IS TRAVAS RADIA.

I PLAN ON TURNING YOU GUYS INTO THE NEARBY CITY'S POLICE.

BUT BEFORE THAT, I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS I WANT TO ASK.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMEM-BER IT.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE ENEMY COUNTRY?

WHY HAVE YOU COME?

WE ARE CHASING SOMEONE,

TO FIND A CERTAIN TREA-SURE.

SAY THAT AGAIN?

...

I AM AMAZ-ED.

...

THAT IS WHAT I'M GOING TO REPORT EVEN IF YOU TURN US INTO THE POLICE.

...BUT IT WAS THE BEZELESE PEOPLE WHO TOOK THE OLD MAN FIRST.

IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE I HAVE HEARD THAT BOGUS STORY.

HUH ...

THE LONG LOST TREASURE OF THE BUFFER ZONE,

JUST HOW BIG OF AN IDIOT YOU GUYS ARE.

LET ME TELL YOU—

WHAT DO YOU ...MEAN?

THE LUTONI TREASURE IS JUST A BUNCH OF USELESS RUMORS.

IT'S BEEN GOING AROUND FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS.

THERE WAS A RUMOR ABOUT SOME GOLD A SOU BEIL GENERAL WAS TRANSPORTING THAT WENT MISSING.

THE OLD MAN PREVIOUSLY TALKED ABOUT IT BRIEFLY.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE HORRIBLE GAS INCIDENT BY COMMANDER WALTER MACMILLAN?

IN WHICH CASE ...

THAT'S CORRECT.

IT'S ALL A LIE.

OF COURSE, THERE WERE OTHERS WHO WENT TO FIND IT, BUT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

THE ARMY DENIES SUCH TREASURE EXISTS AS WELL.

EVERYONE WHO LIVES AROUND HERE KNOWS ABOUT THIS RUMOR.

YOU KIDS COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED EASILY.

IT SEEMS LIKE THAT BOY WAS FORCIBLY DRAGGED INTO YOUR BRASH DECISIONS.

HOW WILL YOU EXPLAIN IT TO HIS PARENTS IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN?

THE PEOPLE WHO TOOK THE OLD MAN TOO,

THEY PROBABLY WON'T BELIEVE THAT NONSENSE.

...YOU KIDS SHOULDN'T EITHER.

I CAN'T IMAGINE IT.

I DON'T KNOW.

WILL'S PARENTS...

MY FAMILY WAS KILLED IN THE WAR.

I LOST BOTH MY FATHER AND MY HUSBAND TO THE WAR, WHILE MY SON HAS YET TO RETURN FROM MIDORI ISLAND.

THAT'S WHY I HATE EVERYTHING IN THE EAST, INCLUDING YOU EASTERN PEOPLE.

I DO NOT LIKE YOUR PEOPLE.

I DETEST YOU.

...THERE IS ONE THING I'M INTERESTED IN.

WHAT IS IT?

I WANTED TO SAY IT AT LEAST, TO YOU EASTERNERS.

IT MADE ME FEEL A LITTLE REFRESHED.

I CAN SOMEWHAT UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS.

...EVEN IF I SAY ALL THIS TO YOU, NOTHING WOULD CHANGE.

IT SEEMS THAT THE TREASURE ALONE HAS "THE POWER THE END THE WAR BETWEEN ROXCHE AND SOU BEIL."

ACCORDING TO THAT OLD MAN,

DO YOU THINK SUCH A THING EXISTS?

THAT IS INTERESTING,

VERY.

NO.

I SEE...

I GUESS THAT OLD MAN WAS JUST SENILE...

IT'S A LOCAL RUMOR...

...

I'M SHOCK-ED.

...I'M SORRY.

YOU KNOW, FOR PULLING YOU INTO ALL THIS MESS,

IN THE END, YOU GOT INJURED BECAUSE OF MY CARELESS-NESS, IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE...

WILL,

I HAVE TO APOLO-GIZE TO YOU.

EH?

IF IT WASN'T FOR ALLISON, MY DREAM WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN ACCOM-PLISHED SO EASILY.

OH WELL.

DREAM?

IT'S NICE ONCE IN A WHILE, RIGHT?

I GUESS I SHOULD LISTEN TO WILL A LITTLE MORE NEXT TIME.

THEN YOU APOLOGIZE FOR DOING ALL OF THIS...

YOU WANTED TO DO THIS...

YOU HAD ME FOLLOW YOU...

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRAVEL TO THE "WEST SIDE".

I'VE ALWAYS...

HUH?

BUT?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO THANK ME.

AND — YOU'RE WEL-COME.

THAT'S SHOCK-ING... I'M AMA-ZED.

... WILL.

BUT ...

IT WAS PROBABLY GRANNY'S INFLUENCE WHEN I WAS SMALL.

SO, THANKS A LOT.

I WANTED TO SEE THE PLACE THAT EVERYONE CALLS THE "EVIL EMPIRE."

DON'T TELL ME... OUTSIDE?!

WHERE ARE YOU SLEEP-ING?

WHAT? WAIT!

I'LL SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.

ALRIGHT, I GUESS I BETTER GO SLEEP AS WELL.

THIS IS MY OWN "PUNISH-MENT."

I WAS TOLD TO DO THAT IN-STEAD.

THIS BED WAS FOR WILL, SO IN TURN I SLEEP OUTSIDE... IS WHAT SHE SAID.

I HAVE A BAD SLEEP POS-TURE, OKAY?

SO YOU KNOW ...

IT SEEMS THAT AT LEAST I AM ALLOWED TO USE THE BED TONIGHT.

SO —

IT'S MY CHOICE ON HOW TO USE THE BED AS WELL.

HERE, TAKE THE OTHER HALF.

BUT —

...

WILL?

...

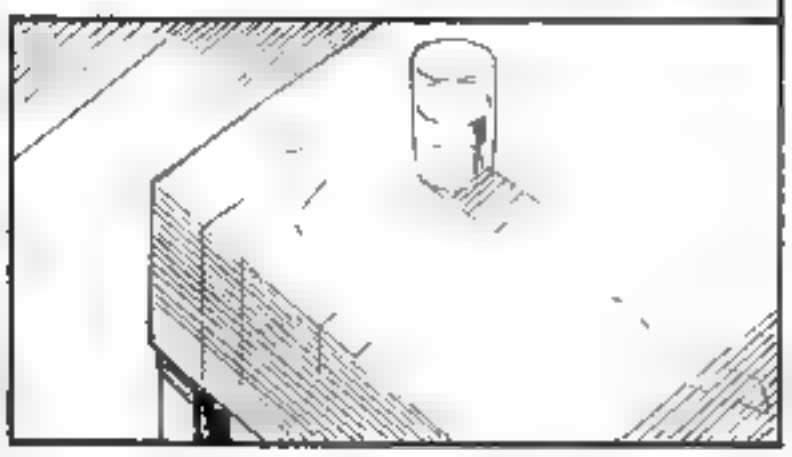
WEE!

I'M SORRY

BUT THIS IS DEFINITELY BETTER THAN SLEEPING OUTSIDE.

A DREAM, HUH...

I WONDER IF I CAN CONSIDER MY WISH COME TRUE WITH THIS...



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SHEESH ...

I HOPE TOMORROW WILL BE A GOOD DAY...

GRANDMA MUTO

...GOOD NIGHT...

GRANDMA MUTO...

WHAT— ...?

...

Historic Chronology of Recent Years

MORN -ING.

GOOD MORN- ING,

TRAVAS- SAN.

WHAT IS IT?

UPH...

IT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ANSWER IT.

MAY I... ASK YOU A QUES- TION?

...

YOU'RE SMART ...

I SEE, YOU MEAN TO SAY ALLISON WOULD NEVER CONFESS SUCH THINGS BY HERSELF.

WE SLEEP TALK A LOT.

YES.

APPARENTLY, SHE GETS UPSET ENOUGH WITH PEOPLE PITYING US AFTER HEARING OUR ORIGINS TO THE POINT WHERE SHE WANTS TO HIT THEM.

I'VE HAD TO STOP HER SOMETIMES WHEN THAT HAPPENS.

WERE YOU,

...NO, WERE BOTH OF YOU,

RAISED IN "THE HOUSE OF FUTURE"?

I HAVE NEVER MET HER BUT...

THERE WAS ONE RESPECTED WOMAN NAMED CORAZON MUTO IN SOU BEIL.

BUT SHE WAS EXILED AFTER THE WAR WITH THE ROXCHE AND WAS CALLED,

"THE TRAITOR."

SHE WAS A NOBLE WOMAN WHO WAS INVOLVED IN MANY CHARITY ACTIVITIES. TO THINK THAT SHE WENT TO THE "OTHER SIDE" AND SET UP A WAR ORPHANAGE...

OF COURSE I UNDERSTAND WHERE SHE WAS GOING,

EVERYONE WAS JUST BITTER AT THE BETRAYAL—

THEN I STARTED TO THINK THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE.

GRANDMA MUTO ALWAYS SAID TO US,

"I AM GIVING MY BEST ON THE ROAD I HAVE FOUND MYSELF,

IT IS STILL A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE NO MATTER WHAT OTHERS MIGHT SAY."

ALSO,

"EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN ROAD TO FOLLOW AND THEY WILL OFTEN DOUBT THEMSELVES—BUT YOU SHOULD NEVER DECIDE THAT IT IS NO GOOD AT ALL."

...I SEE

WHEN WERE YOUR PARENTS...?

ALLISON TOO...

IF—

IF YOU DON'T MIND,

COULD YOU TELL ME?

YES, MOST LIKELY ...

IN ROXCHE, WE CALL IT THE GREEN ISLAND.

THE MIDORI ISLAND WAR...

I MET ALLISON WHEN SHE WAS EIGHT.

WE ARE SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD.

ALLISON WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

I CAN REMEMBER THAT DAY SO VIVIDLY,

MOST OF THE CHILDREN THAT CAME TO THE HOUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME WERE SCARED, LONELY, AND CRYING.

YOU DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE TO HELP GUESS WHAT SHE SAID AFTER?

RIGHT AFTER SHE WAS FOUND ETC

SHE POINTED HER FINGER AT ME AND THE FIRST THING SHE SAID WAS—

WITH FLOWING BLONDE HAIR AND A BOLD ATTITUDE.

THEN I CAN TRUST YOU.

ALRIGHT! YOU'RE FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE MY SUBORDINATE!

I'M THE CAPTAIN YOU CAN TRUST WITH YOUR COMMANDS!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

OH, BUT MY PARENTS DIDN'T DIE IN THE WAR.

IT WAS AROUND THREE O' CLOCK.

WHAT ABOUT YOU? HOW DID YOU END UP AT MUTO'S ORPHAN-AGE?

YES.

SHE WAS LIVELIER AND MUCH BETTER THAN EV-ERYONE ELSE.

SHE MUST HAVE BEEN A TOMBOY.

I CAN JUST IMAGINE THE SCENE,

I WAS AC-CEPTED INTO THE ORPHAN-AGE AS A SPECIAL CASE.

APPARENTLY, MY GROWTH WAS LATE AND I COULDN'T SPEAK, SO MY PARENTS PROBABLY JUST...

BUT AFTER THAT, I LEARNED TO SPEAK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER GRANNY AND EVERYONE STARTED TEACHING ME....

IT SEEMS THAT I WAS ABANDONED IN FRONT OF THE ORPHANAGE'S ENTRANCE DOOR.

...

WHAT... WHY...?

I ASSUME THAT YOU SPEAK BEZELESE SO FLUENTLY BECAUSE OF MUTO-SAN.

YES.

OH, BUT ALLISON HAS KNOWN BEZELESE SINCE BEFORE SHE ARRIVED AT THE ORPHANAGE.

EVERYONE IN THE ORPHANAGE HAD ALREADY KNOWN,

HOW DID ALLISON REACT?

OF COURSE, WHEN ALLISON FOUND OUT, SHE GOT REALLY ANGRY.

ONE LAST THING,

HOW IS MUTO-SAN? IS SHE DOING WELL?

SHE WENT ON A JOURNEY HALF A YEAR AGO.

I SEE...

BEING THE WAY THAT SHE IS, I THINK SHE'LL DO FINE EVEN ON THE OTHER SIDE.

THANK YOU.

I'M VERY GLAD THAT WE TALKED.

WELL, I SHOULD MAKE SOME-THING TO EAT.

I PREFER WHOLE ONES, BUT ALLISON LIKES THEM SLICED.

DO YOU LIKE THE PO-TATOES PAN-FRIED AS THIN SLICES OR BAKED AS A WHOLE?

I GUESS I'LL SLICE THEM.

SORRY.

NO, IT'S ALRIGHT. I'M SURE ALLISON WILL BE HAPPY. I'LL HELP.

...YES.

CAN YOU MAKE THE FIRE THEN?

I'M ALRIGHT. GOING TO GET SOME FIRE-WOOD.

THE GLOVES ARE RIGHT NEXT TO THE FIRE-WOOD SHED, LEWIN.

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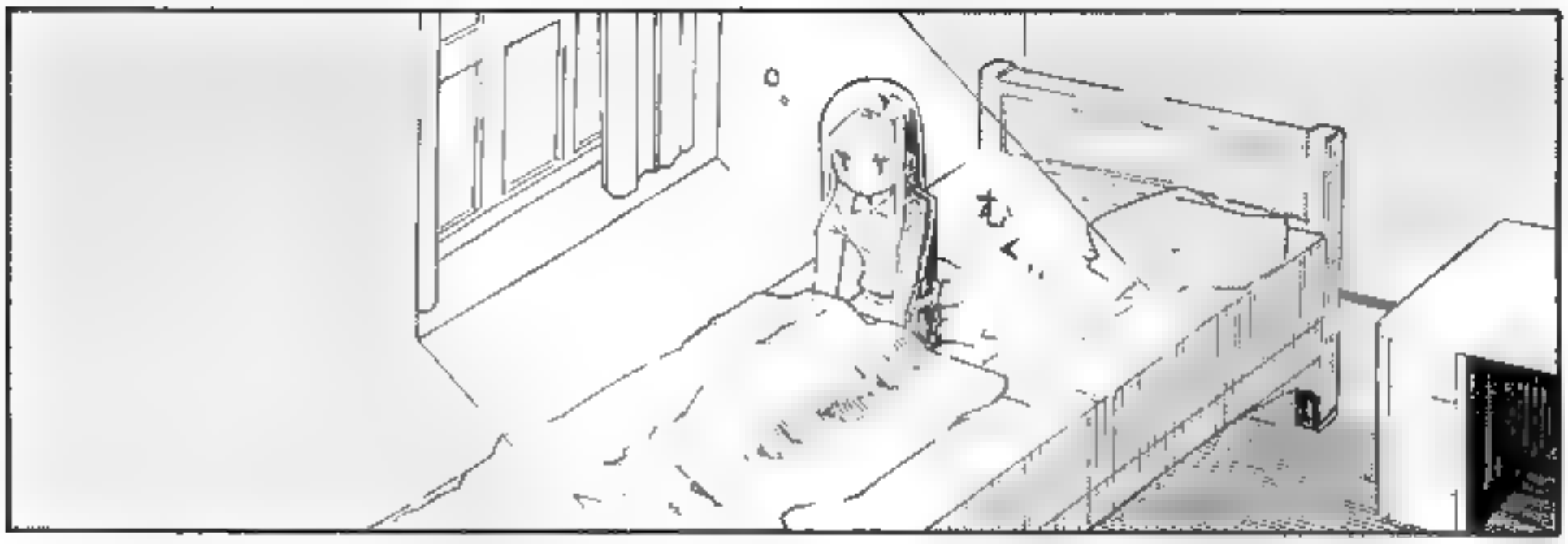

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ALLISON.
DID
YOU
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WELL,
SLEEPY-
HEAD?
YOU'RE
JUST IN
TIME.
...
THIS
WAY.
WHERE...
AM I?
...

BOTH OF YOU, LISTEN TO ME CLOSELY.

JUST KEEP SAYING YOU HAD AN ACCIDENT ON YOUR SIGHTSEEING FLIGHT, AND YOU NEED PROTECTION.

RIDE THAT AND GO TO THE NEXT TOWN'S POLICE STATION.

THERE WILL BE A TRUCK THAT DELIVERS COMMODITIES AND FOOD BEFORE NOON.

I WILL FOLLOW WILL'S JUDGMENT, FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS

I UNDERSTAND.

CRAP.

IT'S REALLY TORN...

I WONDER... IF WE HAVE SOME TIME TO SEW YOUR JACKET UP A BIT?

EH?

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF WE WASHED YOUR CLOTHES ...

IT'S OKAY.

HUH ...?

YOU DROP-PED THIS.

WHAT'S THIS?

EH?

OH THIS...

IT'S CONFI-DENTIAL FOR JUST-IN-CASE PUR-POSES.

THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S A CUCKOO.

THAT'S WHY I REALLY NEED TO KEEP THIS HIDDEN.

WHAT'S THIS ANIMAL...A CUCKOO?

WE DETERMINE FRIENDS OR FOES BASED ON THE ANIMAL ON THIS.

THESE WERE STARTED BY THE SPECIAL UNITS NEAR THE END OF THE WAR.

"AHH, THE LITTLE ORPHANED BIRDS WHO STUBBORNLY FLY ANYWHERE THE WIND TAKES THEM."

THIS IS WHAT HE MEANT...

THAT OLD MAN SAID THOSE WORDS AFTER TOUCHING THE COLLAR OF YOUR JACKET.

WH-WHAT?

HE UNDERSTOOD THE DESIGN OF THE METAL PRINTING JUST BY TOUCHING THE CLOTH ON TOP.

THAT MEANS HE REALLY WAS SOMEONE FROM THE SPECIAL UNITS IN THE WAR...

CUCKOOS ARE PARASITIC BROODERS.

THEY LEAVE THEIR EGGS IN OTHER BIRDS' NESTS AND LEAVES THEM FOR THOSE BIRDS TO RAISE.

WE'RE GOING TO GET THAT OLD MAN OUT!!

I SEE ...I GOT IT WILL.

WHAT'S THE CONCLU-SION?

WA- WAIT A MINUTE!

YOU GUYS—

BUT...

I'M SORRY, TRAVAS -SAN.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE.

I WANT TO MEET THAT PERSON.

ALLISON.

I WANT TO CONFIRM THE LOCA-TION OF THE TREASURE AND FIND IT!

...

...EVEN IF I TRY TO STOP YOU, YOU'LL STILL GO, WON'T YOU.

...YOU KNEW THIS FROM THE START?

EH ...?

YES, OF COUR-SE.

THAT OLD MAN MUST BE THERE.

...THERE IS A ROYAL ARMY BASE ABOUT THIRTY KILO-METERS NORTH OF HERE.

IT'S CALLED TELT.

THERE IS.

YEAH, THERE WON'T BE AN EASY WAY IN...

BUT STILL, IT'S AN ARMY BASE...

AHH WELL,

I GUESS THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME TOO—....

JEEZ, DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT, BOTH OF YOU.

AT THE SAME TIME.

ROYAL ARMY BASE TELT.

BUT ONCE, I YEARNED TO FLY JUST LIKE THE PLANES IN THE SKIES.

I WAS IN THE ARMY IN THE OLD DAYS...

NOW I PILOT FIGHTER CRAFTS.

YEAH, YOU GOT IT.

EXCUSE ME...

A LIEU-TENANT IN THE AIR FORCE?

MY NAME IS BENEDICT CARR,

NICE TO MEET YOU.

I TOO, WANT TO BE A PILOT SOMEDAY!

I AM PRIVATE ELAINE JEUME!

OH! I APOLO-GIZE FOR MY RUDE-NESS!

I SEE.

DO YOUR BEST.

BY THE WAY, MISS ELAINE.

IF YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A WALK WITH ME?

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HERE, SO COULD YOU SHOW ME AROUND?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Have a good one, monkey. Nice to have you back.
-Bari
Happy birthday you poop chick! Killing monkey! I hope you have a great one so hungry and come stop ignoring me too. You damn monkey. Happy birthday. Te amo rangitae pewpyhead
-Mai
One more year to go until you can buy your drinks! If you can't wait, I'll drive there to bring you some just for you! <3 -Nic
Mwa! I hope you have a great birthday with many mangos, bananas, chocolates, and copious amounts of poop! May you also beat up many men. Cheers
I fucking monkeys, even when they throw poo at me, so have a happy birthday -Dmitri
To My Lovely Mother,
May you enjoy this birthday of yours! Hope to see you get older and older every year ;D Also, I hope one day you will give me a sibling. And to finish this off, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday dear Jacky, Happy Birthday to you, you smell like a monkey and you act like one too ;D
With love from your son,
Mizi
I guess box of spider monkeys... Happy birthday, Jacky... where ever you are.....!!!!
Herzlichen Glückwunsch und Alles Liebe from Germany!
-Nic

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Sure ...

But ... how?

How you say?

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THAT'S THE BODY-GUARD'S UNIFORM WHO GUARD THE ROYAL FAMILIES' YOUTH.

WITH IT, YOU CAN EASILY COME AND GO IN ANY ARMY BASE.

THIS UNIFORM IS...?

BODYGUARD... DON'T YOU HAVE TO BE A PRETTY HIGH RANKED UP ARISTOCRAT TO BE ONE?

SO YOU KNEW?

...I'M SUR-PRISED.

PLEASE USE IT.

...YEAH.

HOW DO I LOOK?

!

THIS... WAS LEWIN-SAN'S, COR-RECT?

IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR ME TO USE THIS?

HM?

Chapter 4 The Roxche Spy

I WONDER, WHY IS THAT?

THIS OUTFIT FITS YOU BETTER THAN THE OTHER ONES YOU HAVE WORN, ALLISON...

...

WOW,

YOU LOOK LIKE THE REAL DEAL.

THAT'S... THE "CURVED DIRK"!

...HM? WHAT'S THIS EMBLEM?

THANK YOU. EVEN I HAVE GROWN TO LIKE THIS UNIFORM.

BEZEL ILTOA'S EMBLEM IS THE "CURVED DIRK".

ROXCHEAN'S EMBLEM IS THE "THERON'S SPEAR".*

THE EMBLEMS HAVE SERVED THEIR OWN COUNTRIES SINCE ANCIENT TIMES.

*T.L. NOTE: THERON MEANS HUNTER IN GREEK

I AGREE.

...SHE'S TOO SUITED FOR IT.

IT MEANS THAT WE JUST GOTTA ACT ARROGANT, RIGHT?

PLEASE LEAVE THAT TO ME, NO MATTER WHAT!

WHICH MEANS ...

THAT'S IT FOR THE OUTFIT... ONE MORE THING,

THE IMPERIAL BODYGUARDS REGARD THEMSELVES VERY HIGHLY ...

HAVE YOU SHOT A HANDGUN BEFORE?

WILL,

HANG THIS ON YOUR WAIST.

I...

WILL NEVER SHOOT SOMEONE WITHOUT THINK-ING.

EVEN IF I HAVE THE HANDGUN, I DON'T THINK I'LL USE IT.

WE HAVE THIS FESTIVAL IN THE ANCIENT CAPITAL OF ROXCHEANUK CONFEDERATION. ALONG WITH THE FESTIVAL, THERE'S A SHOOTING COM-PETITION.

HONESTLY, WILL DOES BETTER AT IT THAN ME.

HEY, HE MIGHT LOOK LIKE A WIMP, BUT HE WAS ACTUALLY 6TH AT KAASHI.

?

YOU NEED TO EXPLAIN IT, ALLISON...

... EX-CUSE ME, BUT

IS THIS...?

EVEN SO, PLEASE TAKE IT WITH YOU.

IF THAT IS WHAT YOU HAVE DECIDED,

I WON'T PUSH YOU.

I KEPT IT AROUND ME IN CASE I NEEDED TO USE IT.

BUT... PLEASE, TAKE IT WITH YOU.

FOR SAFE-KEEP-ING.

... YES.

THIS WAS MY LATE HUS-BAND'S.

...

I UN-DER-STAND.

I WILL DO AS YOU SAY.

THANK YOU.

LET ME JUST SAY THIS,

LASTLY,

I DON'T NEED ANY THANKS.

... INSTEAD,

COULD YOU GIVE ME A SALUTE?

YOU MUST COME BACK.

PLEASE COME BACK TO-GETH-ER.

THAT MEANS ...

THE UNI-FORMS... SINCE I LENT THEM TO YOU,

EVEN IF THERE REALLY WAS NO TREASURE IN THE END,

I DON'T CARE IF THEY BECOME DIRTY, OR EVEN IF IT'S JUST THE HAT,

WE REALLY OWE YOU.

WE PROM-ISE.

SALUTE!!

I WISH,

FOR THE GODS BLESSINGS ON THE BOTH OF YOU—

HAS THAT OLD MAN SPOKEN YET?

NO, NOT YET, CAPTAIN GRAZ.

HE SHOWS NO SIGNS OTHER THAN HAVING BECOME SENILE.

EH?

SORRY, BUT WE'LL SAVE THIS FOR LATER.

TCH.

FLIRTING WITH GIRLS AS ALWAYS.

BENE-CHAN?

DID YOU HAVE FUN HOUSE-SITTING,

YOU FINISHED EARLY.

FLIRT-ING IS HEALTHY.

IN MY COUN-TRY,

I DON'T WANT TO LOOK STUPID.

IN MY COUNTRY, IT'S NOT CUSTOM-ARY TO FLIRT WITH MEN.

YOU BAS-TARD ...

DO YOU NOT HAVE AN OUNCE OF IN-TENTION, TO AT LEAST GET ALONG WITH YOUR TEAM-MATES?

WHAT?!

LIEU-TEN-ANT CARR,

GO TO YOUR MEAL.

STOP.

ROGER THAT.

CAPTAIN GRAZ.

AFTER YOUR MEAL,

RETURN WITHOUT FLIRTING WITH THE GIRLS.

YOU'RE STILL ON HOUSE-SITTING DUTY.

WHY DID COLONEL NOTO ACCEPT A GUY LIKE HIM?

TCH ...

WHAT A LIPPY CHICKEN.

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT.

WE NEED TO GET THAT OLD MAN TO SPILL THE BEANS ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE TREASURE FIRST.

IT'S BECAUSE WE HAD FOUR FIGHTER CRAFTS.

HE IS PRETTY SKILLED, DESPITE HIS LOOKS.

I DUNNO.

HOW ABOUT WE DO A PRACTICE RANK RUN?

I WONDER IF WE CAN TEST HIM OUT. .

IS HE, BETTER SKILLED THAN US?

...

YOU KNOW...

TRAVAS-SAN...

INTENDED TO FIGHT THERE BY HER-SELF IF THE ENEMIES HAD ATTACKED NEXT TIME.

I WAS TAUGHT TO NEVER AIM A GUN AT A PERSON.

ALLI-SON, I...

WITH THIS GUN IN HER HAND,

SHE WANTED TO SHOOT THE ENEMIES SHE HATES AND AVENGE HER FAMILY.

IF IT'S TO PROTECT MYSELF OR CLOSE FRIENDS, I WILL NOT HESITATE TO SHOOT.

AS FOR ME,

I WAS TAUGHT—

WELL,

LET'S AIM FOR THE ARMY BASE FIRST.

ME?

... I DON'T KNOW.

ME NEITHER.

WHICH ...

WHICH IS THE "CORRECT" TEACHING, I WONDER...

WHAT ABOUT WILL?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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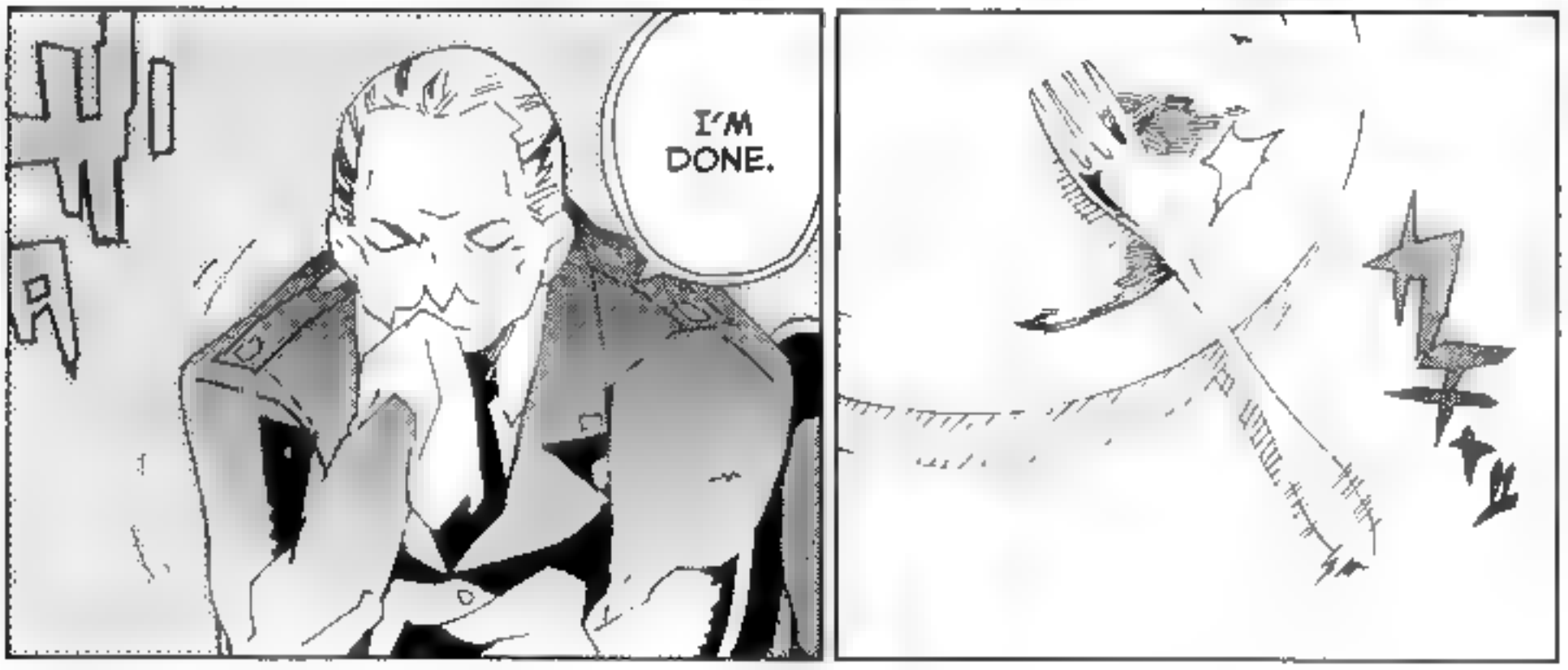

I'M DONE.

I'M GOING FIRST.

WATCH YOUR WORDS,

YOU SHOULDN'T BADMOUTH THEM.

HOW LONG,

DOES COLONEL NOTO AND HIS GANG INTEND TO STAY?

PHEW ...

AT ANY RATE, I'M STILL ENDURING IT.

HAVE PATIENCE.

THEY SHOULD BE CALLED "GANG OF THUGS".

INSTEAD OF BEING CALLED THE "EXPERIMENT CORPS",

THEY'RE LAZING AROUND THE AIRCRAFTS AS USUAL.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THEY ARE THINKING.

CAPTAIN GRAZ, WAS IT?

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

THE KIDS THAT WERE WITH COLONEL NOTO...

AND IT'S UNKNOWN WHAT COLONEL NOTO IS DOING TO HIM—

HE'S IN THE CELLAR

WHAT ABOUT THE OLD MAN THEY BROUGHT ALONG?

LIEUTENANT,

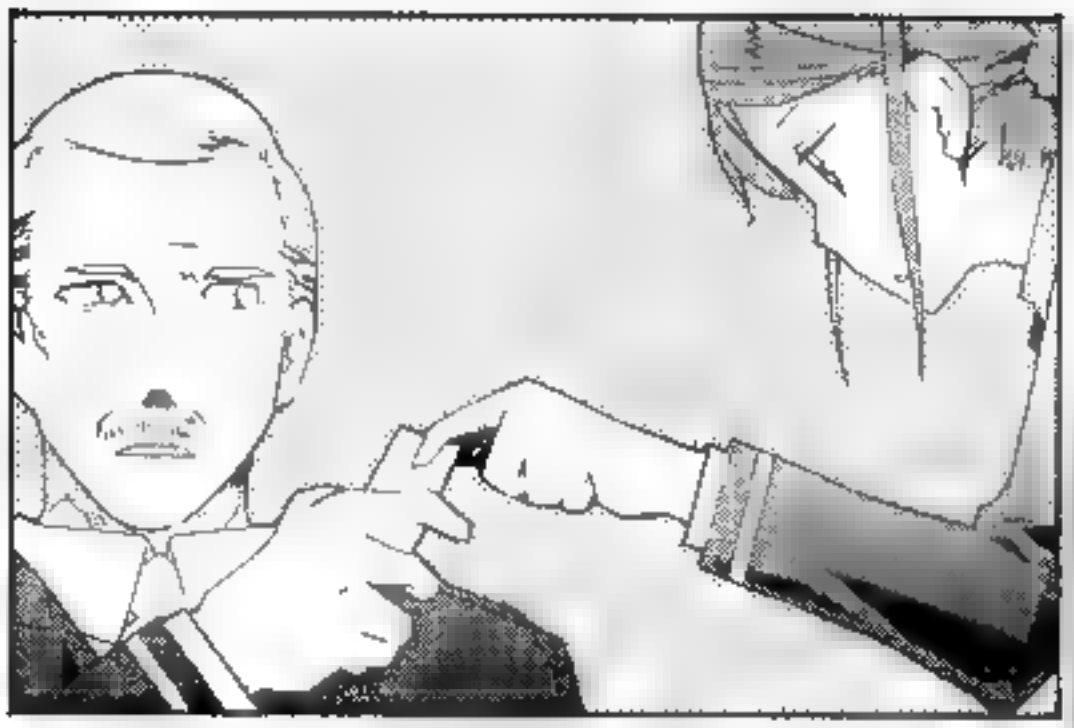
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THEM.

THEY SMELL LIKE TROUBLE.

I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO TRUST THEM, NO MATTER WHAT.

COMMANDER ...

THE GANG OR COLONEL NOTO—



EXCUSE ME FOR INTER-RUPTING YOUR MEAL.

OH.

THERE ARE TWO IMPERIAL BODY-GUARDS ARRIVING,
AND THEY REQUEST PERMISSION TO INSPECT OUR BASE.
WE'RE STILL GET-TING CUS-TOMERS DESPITE BEING IN SUCH A RURAL AREA.

IT SEEMS THAT THEY ARE QUITE HARD TO PLEASE...
LET'S SHOW THEM AROUND WITH COUR-TESY.

I AM LIEUTENANT COLONEL REIG.

I AM HERE ON ORDERS OF THE BASE COMMANDER, COLONEL ELCOUPE.

WELCOME TO TELTO BASE.

GREETINGS.

ARE OUR NAMES NECESSARY?

AND THEN WE CAN ALL GO BACK TO OUR OWN BUSINESS. THAT'S BETTER FOR YOU GUYS TOO, ISN'T IT?

WE DON'T WANT TO BE AN INTRUSION SO LET'S MAKE THIS QUICK

IS THAT SO?

NO,

IMPERIAL BODYGUARD'S WARRANT OFFICERS.

HUH?

NO NEED.

THEN, LET ME GUIDE YOU...

OF COURSE NOT,

PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME ON YOUR STAY HERE WITH US.

ARE ...

ARE YOU SPEAK-ING TO ME?

NAME?

OKAY.

RU-- RURURU RUNE POKLOT! PRIVATE RUNE POKLOT!

YOU, OVER THERE!!

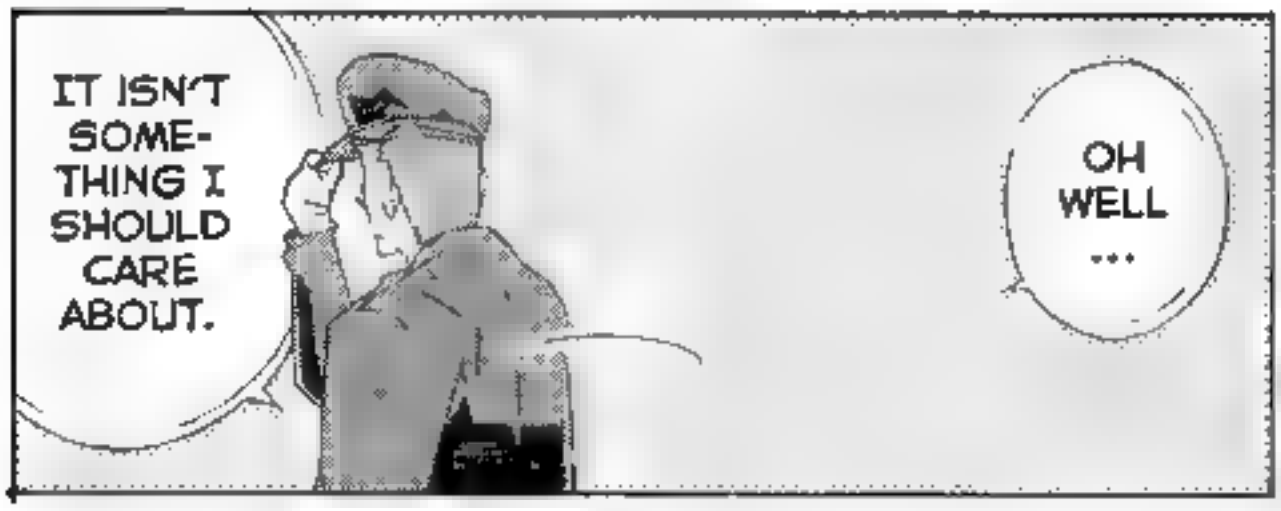
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'LL MARCH WITH SOME BIG SHOT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NO-WHERE.

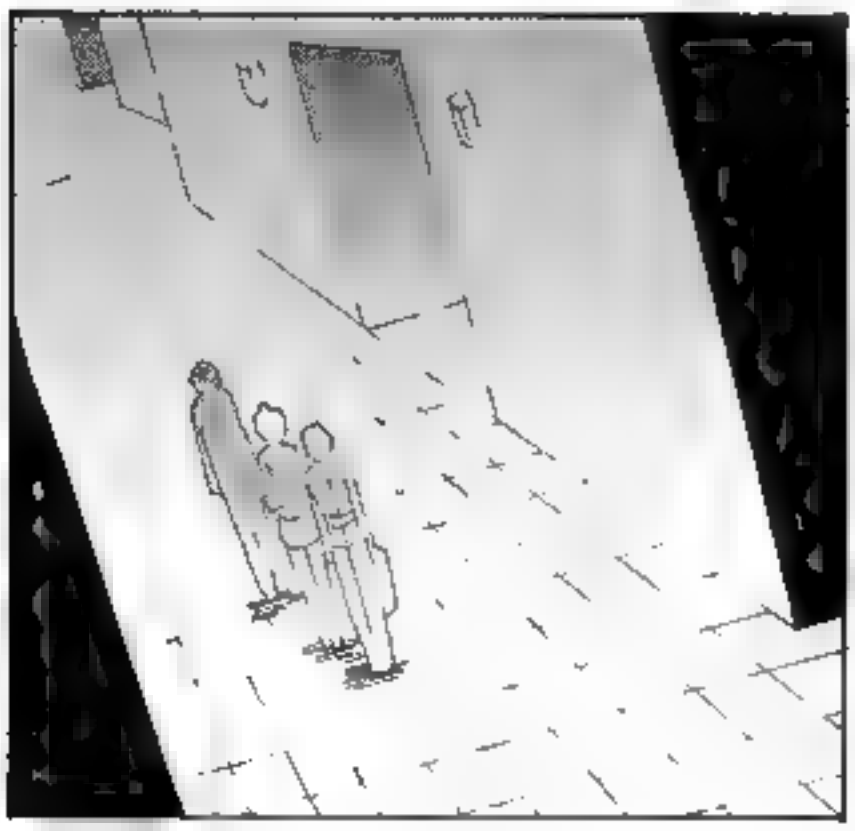
YES?!

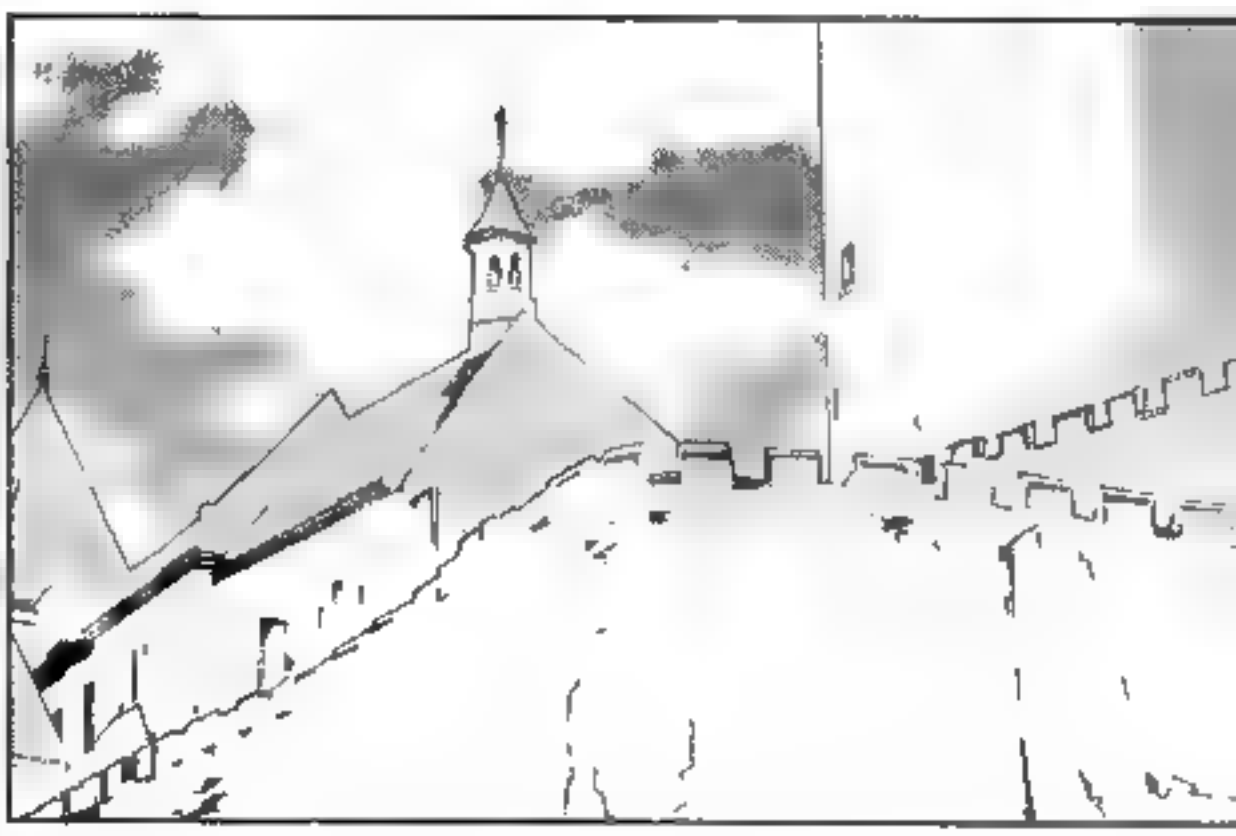
PRIVATE RUNE?

DO YOU MIND SHOW-ING US AROUND?

BLUE UNI-FORMS?
WHICH DIVISION ARE THEY?


IT ISN'T SOME-THING I SHOULD CARE ABOUT.
OH WELL ...





YEAH... PROBABLY UNDER-GROUND.

JAIL ROOMS ARE USU-ALLY BUILT UNDER-GROUND.

THE PROBLEM IS "WHERE IS HE BEING KEPT?"

I'M STILL REALLY NERVOUS, YOU KNOW...

SO IT SHOULD BE FINE FROM HERE ON.

WE HAVE A PRETTY LOW STANDING PERSON FOR A GUIDE,

AH, YES THERE IS. THERE USED TO BE GUARD-HOUSES DOWN THERE—

IS THERE AN UNDER-GROUND PLACE HERE?

YES?

PRIVATE RUNE,

THE FIRST FLOOR HERE ARE OFFICES FOR GENERAL CLERICAL WORK,

AND THE SECOND FLOOR IS THE DINING HALL FOR THE HIGHER UPS.

WHERE ARE THE STAIRS?

YES ...

THIS WAY ...

AND THAT'S OUT OF MY PLACE...

B-B-BUT THERE ARE GUARDS ON DUTY DOWN THERE

THEN JUST LEAD US TO THE PLACE.

WE'LL GET OUR OWN PERMIS-SION.

SOUNDS INTER-ESTING.

MEDIEVAL GUARD-HOUSES, HUH...

I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM MYSELF.

DEAREST IMPERIAL BODY-GUARD WARRANT OFFICERS—

WAI-

PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT!

OLD MAN? WHO?

IT'S... AN OLD MAN...

WHO IS IN THE JAIL CELL?

IT SEEMS THAT HE WAS A SPY FROM "BEYOND THE RIVER",

BUT, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU WARRANT OFFICERS...

BUT— UM—

WHAT? WHY MUST I WAIT FOR ANY-THING? EXPLAIN, SOL-DIER!

YOU HAD BETTER NOT ANGER HER, SOL-DIER.

... SHE'S SCARY.

...YES, MA'AM ...

STEP ASIDE THIS IN-STANT!

P-PLEASE, YOU CANNOT AD-ADVANCE ANY FUR-THER

I WANT TO WIT-NESS IT.

WHEN IS HIS EX-ECU-TION?

IN-TER-EST-ING

ROX-CHEA-NUK CON-FEDERA-TION'S SPY?

PLEASE FOLLOW CLOSELY.

カツン… カツン…

ニヤ…

HEY, OLD MAN.

YOU'RE PRETTY DOCILE TODAY.

T/L NOTE: THE OLD MAN'S ACTUALLY TALKING IN ROKCHEAN, WILL AND ALLISON IS SPEAKING BEZELNESE

IT'S A SHAME THAT I CANNOT SERVE TEA FOR THIS SPECIAL OCCASION.

I SUP-POSE,

I DID JUST SEE SOME-THING VERY UN-BELIEV-ABLE.

THOSE TEA LEAVES THAT DAY WERE THE HIGHEST GRADE GIVEN TO ME.

I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, OLD MAN.

I'VE SAID TH S BEFORE BUT,

THAT TEA WAS ACTU-ALLY FROM MY MAID, NORMA'S HOME-TOWN.

IT'S THE TRUTH —

...

BUT HE WAS REPORTED FOR SMUGGLING HIMSELF ON A SMALL BOAT...

IT ONLY LOOKS LIKE A SENILE OLD GRANDPA TO ME.

WHAT'S THIS?

A SPY?

WHISPERS DID YOU FIND THE TREASURES YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?

HMM.

YOU,

WHAT HAVE YOU COME HERE FOR?

IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ROXCHEAN, IS THAT FAKE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.

NO ...

DO YOU HEAR SOME-THING?

I SEE ...

YOU GUYS BE-LIEVED THE STUPID STORY...

JUDGING FROM THE ATMO-SPHERE, THE SPECIAL CORPS MUST BE AT THIS PLACE.

IF YOU GUYS WERE SUSPICIOUS, THERE WOULD BE NO DOUBT THAT HE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN RID OF YOU.

THE ONE WHO TRIED TO GUIDE YOU AROUND MUST HAVE HAD A GUN READY.

THEY HAVE YOUR FACES MEMORIZED, SO TRY NOT TO CLASH WITH THEM.

I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW YOU GUYS GOT HERE,

BUT THE IMPERIAL BODY-GUARDS IDEA IS INGE-NIOUS.

WELL, THIS IS DISAP-POINT-ING.

BY THE WAY, WHERE THE HELL AM I?

I WAS UNCON-SCIOUS WHEN THEY BROUGHT ME HERE.

WHY WOULD I KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE TREASURE? THAT'S WORTHLESS TO ME.

HE'S MAKING A FOOL OF HIM-SELF.

AHHH

IS HE ALWAYS LIKE THIS?

THOSE THUG'S GENERAL WAS ASKING WHERE THE GOLD IS AND A BUNCH OF OTHER WEIRD QUESTIONS.

AHH

WE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE, OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NO-WHERE, SO LET'S TRY TO FIND SOMETHING INTERESTING CLOSE BY?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?

I'M BORED.

"COUGH"

WHAT'S UP? A COLD?

I'M FINE...

YOU CAN GET TO THE TREASURE'S WHERE-ABOUTS BY HYDRO-PLANE.

CAN YOU RE-MEMBER JUST THROUGH MEMORY?

IF YOU GUYS REALLY DO PLAN TO GO—

I KNOW WHERE I AM NOW.

IS THERE ANY OTHER TOWN NEARBY, SOLDIER?

NO SIR, IT'S A RURAL REGION AFTER ALL.

THE CLOSEST TOWN TO TELTO BASE IS TWENTY KILOMETERS TO THE WEST AND CALLED GALEI.

THEN, TO GALEI'S SOUTH, THERE'S A TOWN FOUR-TEEN KILOME-TERS AWAY CALLED COILE.

FLY SOUTH TO WHERE THE RUTONI RIVER MERGES. THEN FLY TO THE EAST, TURN RIGHT AFTER THE FIRST RAMIFICATION OF THE RIVER. GO INTO THE FOREST AND FOLLOW ALONG THE BENT RIVERSIDE, EVENTUALLY IT WILL INCLINE INTO A CLIFF FOR ABOUT TEN METERS, AND UPSTREAM BEGINS. FOLLOW THE LEFT SIDE OF THE STREAM, WHICH IS ABOUT FOUR-HUNDRED METERS HIGH, TO THE PEAK. WHEN YOU SEE A CAMEL SHAPED MOUNTAIN, FIND THE RIVER THAT HUGS AROUND THE MOUNTAINS. AT THE WEST FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN THERE IS A CAVE SO BRING A BRIGHT LIGHT WITH YOU. IF THERE'S A RIFLE MOUNTED IN FRONT OF THE CAVE, GO IN. THERE'S A VERY WIDE SPACE RIGHT WHEN YOU ENTER. GO TO THE RIGHT AND ENTER THE TWELFTH OPENING AND AFTER ABOUT TWENTY STEPS, THERE'S ANOTHER SPACE. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER RIFLE AND THE "TREASURE" IS RIGHT THERE WITH IT. THAT'S ALL. CAN YOU REMEMBER?

I DON'T KNOW ...

I WONDER, WHAT HE'S SAYING?

IS IT SOME CURSE?

AH!

AH!

AH!

AH!

THAT TREASURE IS AMA-ZING!

IF YOU GUYS MAKE IT THERE—

AND YOU FIND IT, ANNOUNCE THE NEWS!

IT'S TOO AMAZING!

FORGET ABOUT ME!!

I ENTRUST IT TO YOU GUYS FROM NOW ON!

I COULDN'T ACHIEVE IT!

JUST LIKE MY TEACHER SAID,

I CAME BACK ALONE!

I WILL STAY AND CAUSE AN UPROAR IN FIFTEEN MINUTES SO PLEASE TAKE THIS CHANCE TO ESCAPE AND BORROW A HYDRO-PLANE.

I NEED A HAIR-PIN.

THERE'S NO NEED FOR THREE PEOPLE TO GO.

AFTER ALL THIS, PLEASE FIND THE TREA-SURE.

GET BACK!

DON'T MAKE A SCENE!

I HOPE THERE WILL BE A CHANCE THAT WE MEET AGAIN.

SEE YOU, GRAND-PA.

WE...

SHOULD GO.

YEAH.

YOU JUST GO WHERE YOU WANT TO GO.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU GUYS WILL BE GOING...

AH... YOU GUYS ARE A FUN BUNCH...

AND YOUNG...

I WISH YOU GUYS THE BEST OF THE BEST AND I WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU.

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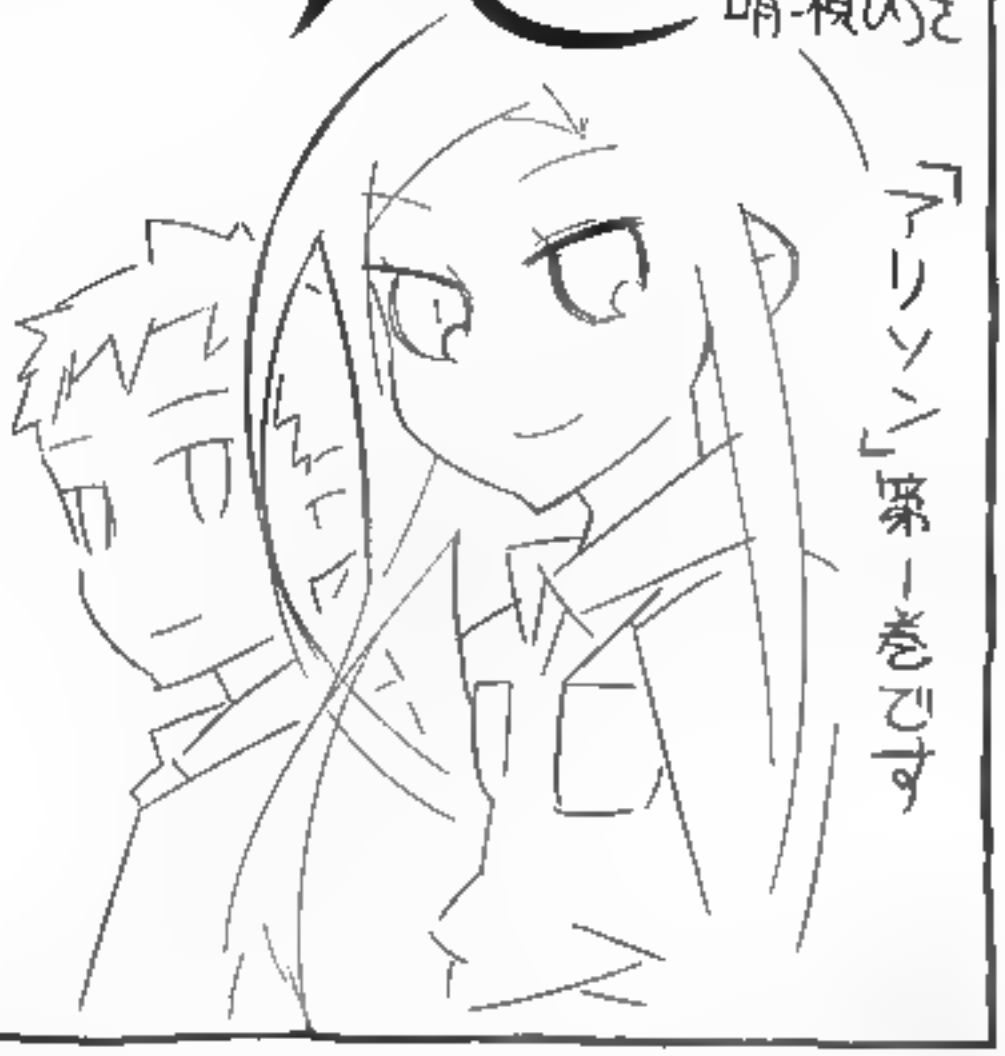


「アリソン」第一巻です

手に取っていただき
ありがとうございます。

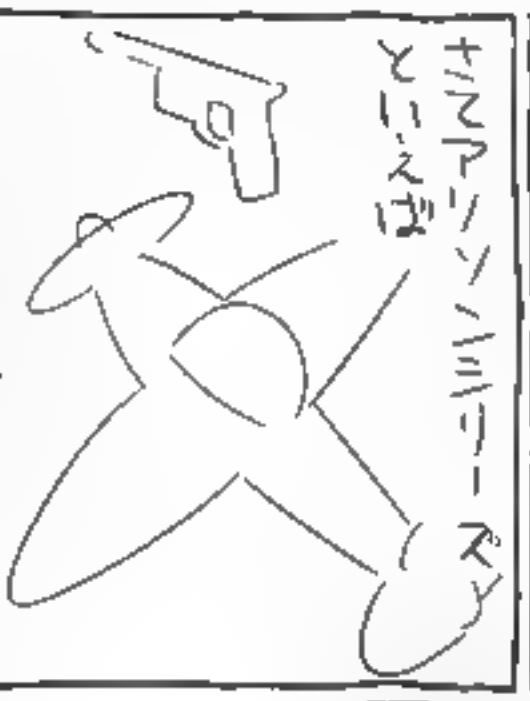
実は連載を
開始したのは
「アリソン」の続編、
「リリアてんしイズ」
のおかげだったの
ですが

作者

タイミングで
2冊同時に
発売という
運びとなり
嬉しく思います。

時雨沢恵一さん原作の
描かれるアリソンは
とても可愛いです。

漫画でもその可愛さを
出せるように精一杯
努力したいと思って
描いています。



さてアリソンシリーズと
いえば

銃や飛び道具
たくさんおでましです

僕はくまで
そういったお面には
明るくなかったので

なるべくプラモや
モデルガンを買って
勉強しています。

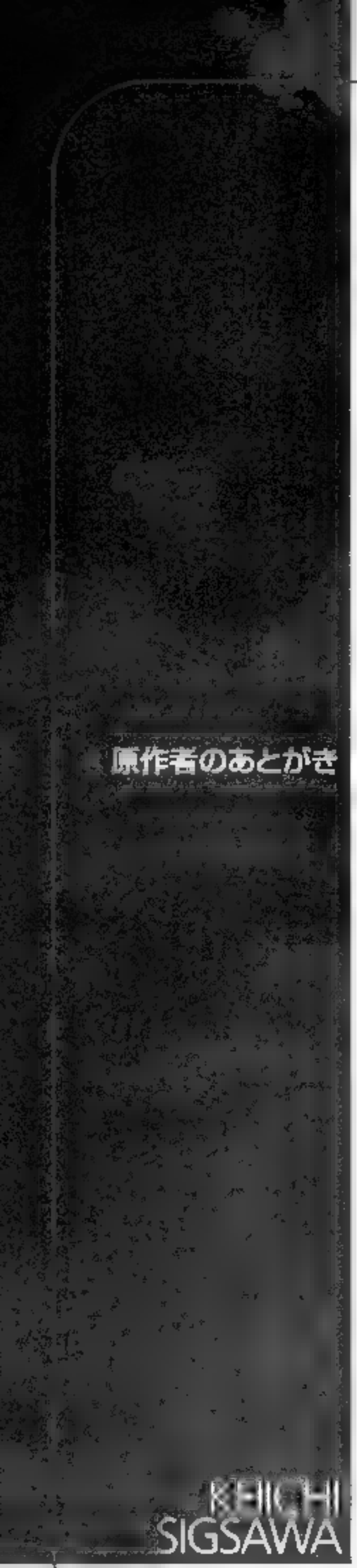
最近ようやく
組み立てて
上達してきて
楽しいです。

宇佐美の
冒険はまだ
続きます。

またいつ
お会いしましょう、

そしてなんと
原作の
時雨沢恵一さん
黒白紅白さん
にもあとがきを
いただきました。
次のページへ
どうぞ飛んで
ください、

お忙しい中ありがとう
ございました！



こちらでは初めまして。電撃文庫で原作小説を書きました、時雨沢恵一です。

今回こちらに、つまりは人様の本に"あとがき"を書かせていただけることになり、感激しつつ少し緊張しています。

ご存じの方はよく知っていると思いますが、私の文庫の"あとがき"はヘンテコなことで有名でして、ここでそのような能力を遺憾なく発揮してしまうと、次の巻からは呼ばれなくなってしまう恐れがあるので自重しています。自重していきます。自重するつもりだ。自重するといいな。

晴瀬ひろきさん、『アリソン』一巻発売おめでとうございます。

同時発売の『リリアとトレイズ(以下リリトレ)』のみならず、こちらの『アリソン』までコミック化していただき、私は果報者です。

たくさん寝て待った甲斐があったというものです。私はよく寝ます。ただし、十五時間以上寝ると頭が痛くなるので皆さんやめましょう。

先に連載が始まった『リリトレ』に引き続きこの話をいただいたときは、「また来たか!」と感動に震え、とうとう年貢の納め時かと思ったものです(編集部注・そのフレーズ気に入ったんですか?)。

『アリソン』は『リリトレ』の親世代のお話です。

時間は二十年ほど戻り、『リリトレ』ではすっかりお母さんになっているアリソンやその他のキャラクターがどんな人生を送ってきたのか、どんな大変なことをしでかしやがったのかが語られています。

お話が気に入りましたら、黒星紅白さんのすてきなイラストと私の"あとがき"が満載の文庫本の読破へと(二エピソード全四巻絶賛発売中!)、どうぞ食指を動かしてみてください。ぐぐーっと。

アリソンとヴィルの冒険は、二巻へと続きます。

謎の宝は、どんなグルメも唸らす伝説のアップルパイのレシピでした。ヴィルはアリソンと一緒にパイに使えるリンゴを採りに森へと出かけますが、そこで急に鍋物が食べたくなります。リンゴを採るか鍋を囲むか、二人の心の葛藤がこれからの見所となります(編集部注・なりません。原作者真面目に生きろ)。

これからも、コミック版『アリソン』を、よろしくお願いしますと平に頭を下げつつ、私の"あとがき"を終わらせていただきます。

晴瀬ひろきさん、漫画版の担当編集者さん、お疲れ様でした。

そして、ありがとうございました。

二〇〇八年　吉日

二巻の発売を誰よりも心待ちにしている時雨沢恵一

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Happy Birthday Nic, our only French translator, and the only one we will ever need. :p I hope you have a great day and lots of alter, spend time with friends and family, and never leave us, because if you do, I'll have to find you and I will find you! Bon Anniversaire! -Amy
Another year comes by and the hair grows longer, May you keep your strength with long hair like Samson -Spree
Well, it it isn't an- other stuffie having a birthday! Enjoy your "fun older day"; my good wish, -Avert
Happy Birthday Nic!
Happy Birthday Nic- our French speaking long haired Jesus" and "energy" bracelet- Have a great time, date and love us too! Love us tooo!!! - Mai
Happy Birthday!
Happy Birthday Nic!!

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